

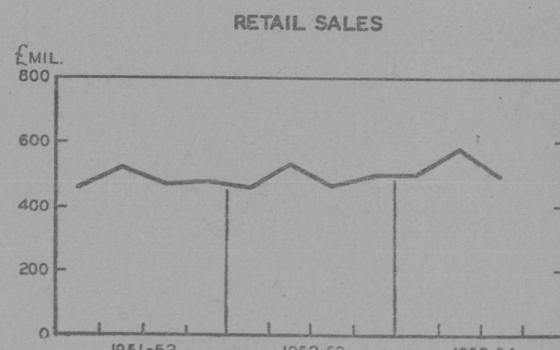
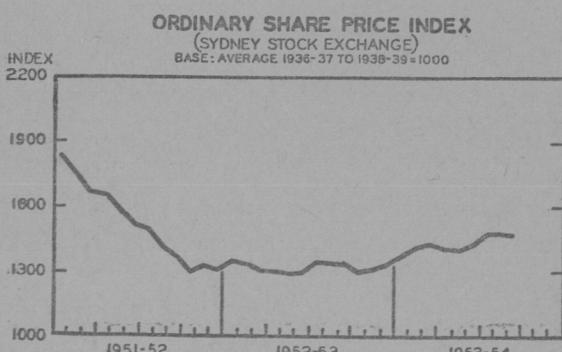
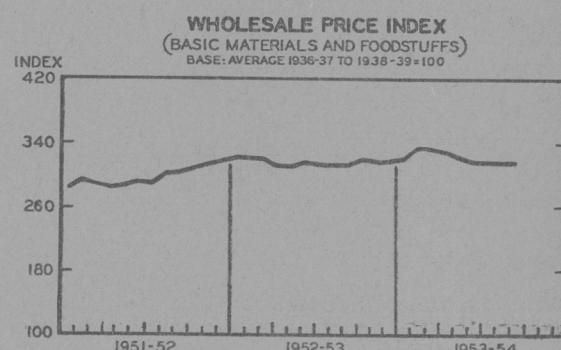
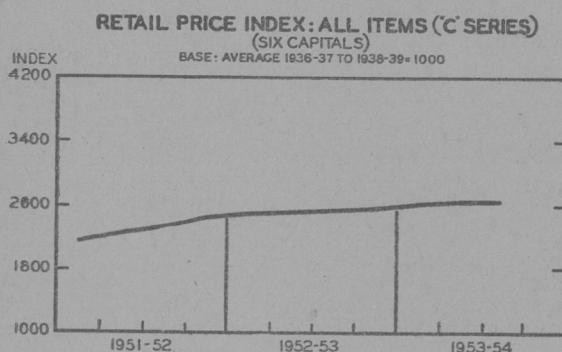
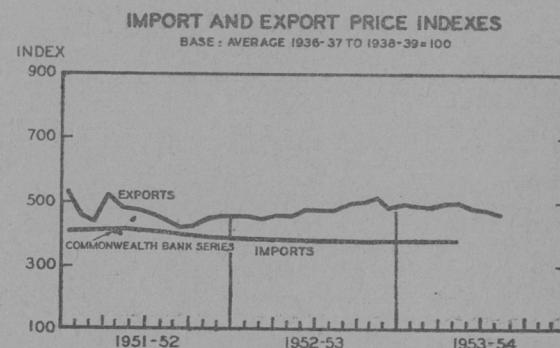
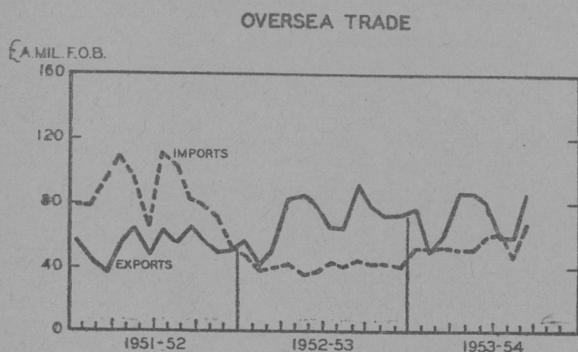
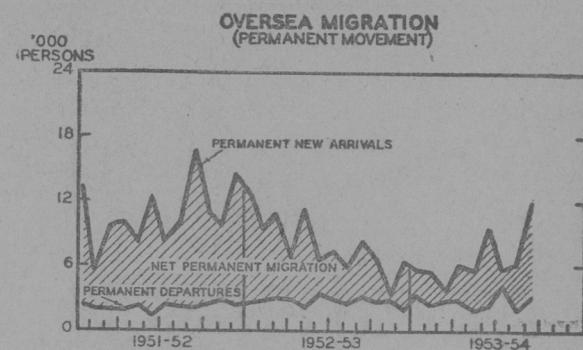
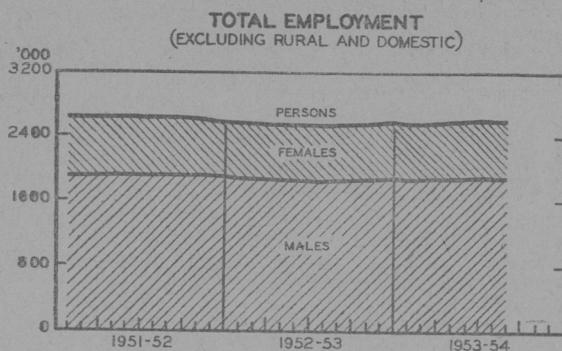
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Employment—Australia.			Average Weekly Wage Earnings(b) —Australia : Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000).	Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of shipment.)		Building Permits(c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses Completed.(d)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	
	Total—End of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces).(a)				Imports.	Exports.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.								
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.	'000 tons.	Million kWh.	
1932-33 ..	(e)992	(e)341	(e)1,333	n.a.	5.5	8.2	565	n.a.	732	225	
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.4	1,986	n.a.	977	331	
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.8	2,307	n.a.	990	363	
1938-39 ..	(f)1,293	(f)437	(f)1,730	n.a.	9.4	10.2	2,353	n.a.	1,051	391	
1946-47 ..	1,592	610	2,202	1,037	17.4	25.8	4,084	8,152	1,178	627	
1947-48 ..	1,693	635	2,328	1,164	28.2	33.8	4,687	g10,876	1,231	697	
1948-49 ..	1,757	656	2,413	1,322	34.5	45.2	5,577	g12,835	1,276	754	
1949-50 ..	1,810	675	2,485	1,451	44.7	51.1	7,129	g13,873	1,243	792	
1950-51 ..	1,882	707	2,589	1,742	61.8	81.8	10,426	16,895	1,369	875	
1951-52 ..	p1,915	p709	p2,624	2,145	87.5	55.7	9,700	19,494	1,598	941	
1952-53 ..	p1,876	p670	p2,546	2,350	42.5	70.9	10,045	19,332	p1,546	p1,024	
Monthly Total—											
1951-52—											
April ..	1,920	694	2,614	2,248	81.5	59.0	8,593	20,267	1,568	914	
May ..	1,914	688	2,602		75.3	51.8	9,306		1,725	992	
June ..	1,908	679	2,587		54.9	53.0	9,848		1,535	988	
1952-53—											
July ..	1,894	674	2,568	2,305	49.9	57.5	8,544	20,331	p	p	
August ..	1,882	668	2,550		39.6	41.8	8,733		1,572	1,039	
September	1,871	666	2,537		42.3	50.2	11,856		1,814	992	
October ..	1,869	666	2,535	2,354	44.8	84.9	9,911	20,429	1,866	1,018	
November	1,866	667	2,533		35.5	86.6	9,317		1,648	965	
December	1,864	669	2,533		38.5	81.7	8,259		1,342	972	
January ..	1,858	664	2,522	2,362	44.7	66.6	7,607	18,256	1,066	939	
February	1,871	672	2,543		41.5	64.8	10,303		1,532	932	
March ..	1,878	677	2,555		44.2	90.2	11,058		1,606	1,052	
April ..	1,883	676	2,559	2,377	43.3	79.2	10,293	18,314	1,404	1,017	
May ..	1,885	675	2,560		44.2	73.0	11,685		1,382	1,121	
June ..	1,887	674	2,561		41.9	74.3	12,978		1,429	1,160	
1953-54—											
July ..	1,882	676	2,558	2,445	52.1	76.6	13,209	18,408	p	p	
August ..	1,886	678	2,564		52.2	48.5	12,341		1,710	r1,155	
September	1,890	682	2,572		53.1	59.7	12,570		r1,756	r1,109	
October ..	1,898	686	2,584	r2,436	50.5	86.1	11,738	20,871	r1,739	r1,125	
November	1,907	694	2,601		50.7	85.2	11,884		r1,672	r1,085	
December	1,911	701	2,612		58.7	79.3	10,235		r1,309	r1,062	
January ..	1,912	698	2,610	2,491	60.4	58.0	r8,941	16,644	1,173	r1,036	
February	1,921	701	2,622		45.4	58.1	11,607		r1,454	1,020	
March ..	1,931	708	2,639		r66.9	r85.9			r1,811	1,181	
April ..					52.3	66.2			1,516		

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, National Service Trainees in camp and in 1932-33 Government "relief" workers. (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 29). (d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June 1933; obtained from Census. (f) July, 1939; obtained from National Register. (g) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—*continued.*

Period.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Government Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment Receipts. (b)	Wholesale Trade : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts.	Retail Sales.(c)	Private Trading Banks. (Weekly Averages).		Bank Debits to Cus- tomers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
		Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles.					Deposits.	Advances	
Monthly		'000	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Average—		tons.								
1932-33 ..	32.7	1.0	0.3	(d)3,017	1,053	29.1	n.a.	269.9	231.0	n.a.
1936-37 ..	90.0	4.0	2.0	(d)3,407	1,318	37.2	n.a.	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	97.2	4.6	2.3	(d)3,632	1,396	40.6	n.a.	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	97.5	4.5	2.1	(d)3,580	1,447	39.8	n.a.	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1946-47 ..	109.4	1.8	1.4	(d)5,303	2,484	66.8	n.a.	636.6	261.1	148.9
1947-48 ..	112.1	3.6	2.4	6,376	2,616	79.5	240.4	673.5	329.9	175.9
1948-49 ..	98.2	5.5	3.1	7,174	2,776	93.4	286.3	776.4	368.8	212.8
1949-50 ..	101.5	9.6	4.8	7,702	3,196	110.2	340.8	910.1	403.9	271.1
1950-51 ..	120.3	10.6	6.5	8,834	3,732	140.5	422.3	1,144.2	479.3	372.9
1951-52 ..	126.8	10.4	6.1	11,668	4,948	162.1	482.5	1,201.7	621.4	402.4
1952-53 ..	p151.9	7.7	4.4	12,892	5,367	158.1	490.5	1,162.4	638.1	389.3
Monthly										
Total—										
1951-52—										
April ..	117.5	10.2	5.4	11,684	4,834	160.2	478.1	1,246.6	667.9	401.2
May ..	91.6	9.7	5.6	12,968	5,798	153.8		1,182.0	675.6	403.2
June ..	99.7	7.8	5.1	11,972	5,657	149.8		1,122.9	691.2	399.7
1952-53—										
July ..	147.2	7.6	4.7	12,118	5,334	150.6	460.0	1,072.1	699.3	384.2
August ..	153.1	6.6	4.0	12,317	5,121	142.1		1,059.5	690.4	339.3
September ..	152.1	7.2	4.1	13,428	5,382	157.8		1,054.1	682.0	353.2
October ..	166.0	9.0	4.5	13,889	5,702	169.9	535.2	1,077.7	673.4	376.5
November ..	154.5	8.8	4.4	12,710	5,030	150.2		1,114.3	655.7	401.7
December ..	153.8	9.3	4.6	13,123	5,898	162.7		1,147.4	637.7	432.8
January ..	157.1	5.9	3.1	12,540	4,866	133.2	467.8	1,171.6	616.0	336.8
February ..	145.1	7.3	4.0	11,492	5,126	153.9		1,218.9	604.1	402.9
March ..	164.7	8.4	4.6	13,325	5,605	171.2		1,272.6	593.9	414.7
April ..	158.8	7.5	4.6	13,195	5,275	164.4	499.1	1,283.5	592.5	402.1
May ..	172.4	7.9	4.9	13,085	5,384	170.4		1,252.2	597.6	408.4
June ..	171.7	7.4	4.9	13,486	5,675	171.4		1,239.0	601.8	409.8
1953-54—										
July ..	184.8	9.6	5.5	14,062	5,438	169.3	502.3	1,204.0	616.9	418.8
August ..	186.9	8.5	4.7	13,947	5,116	161.6		1,181.3	619.9	373.0
September ..	171.0	10.5	4.8	14,387	5,613	189.0		1,191.7	630.8	413.8
October ..	187.8	10.7	4.7	14,685	5,837	188.5	584.5	1,210.0	654.6	425.5
November ..	181.7	10.5	4.9	14,194	5,487	r195.1		1,250.9	664.1	438.6
December ..	167.1	11.2	5.1		6,409	r192.4		1,290.0	665.0	493.7
January ..	180.4	8.4	3.6		5,130	p145.0	r501.2	1,303.8	654.1	405.1
February ..	151.7	8.6	3.8		5,049			1,337.1	656.0	438.7
March ..	178.6	r11.7	5.3		6,247			1,363.0	664.3	489.3
April ..	177.1	p11.1	p5.0		5,587			1,354.9	684.7	449.8

(a) Excludes Northern Territory, also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Actual collections.

(c) Quarterly average for years, and quarterly totals. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(d) Excludes Tasmania.

For meaning of symbols, n.a., r, p, —, see page 1.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—								
1936-37	.. ..	14,627	29,634	16,129	13,505	496	14,291	6,835,536
1937-38	.. ..	15,529	29,924	16,170	13,754	1,676	15,751	6,898,541
1938-39	.. ..	15,279	30,636	17,023	13,613	3,339	17,303	6,967,754
1946-47	.. ..	19,399	48,072	18,401	29,671	-1,611	28,550	d7,579,358
1947-48	.. ..	19,008	44,252	18,876	25,376	7,341	32,717	7,710,228
1948-49	.. ..	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	50,395	7,911,806
1949-50	.. ..	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	68,434	8,185,541
1950-51	.. ..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	61,462	8,431,390
1951-52	.. ..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	54,287	8,648,539
1952-53	.. ..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	45,232	8,829,465
Quarterly Total—								
1950-51—								
March	Qtr. ..	20,387	48,012	17,239	30,773	33,633	64,406	8,380,197
June	.. ..	19,814	48,025	20,083	27,942	23,251	51,193	8,431,390
1951-52—								
September	.. ..	16,610	49,681	24,114	25,567	23,487	49,054	8,480,444
December	.. ..	20,487	47,580	20,352	27,228	31,062	58,290	8,538,734
March	.. ..	19,411	50,404	18,228	32,176	27,698	59,874	8,598,608
June	.. ..	19,078	49,248	19,949	29,299	20,632	49,931	8,648,539
1952-53—								
September	.. ..	15,679	50,896	23,878	27,018	24,883	51,901	8,700,440
December	.. ..	20,004	51,102	19,542	31,560	20,819	52,379	8,752,819
March	.. ..	17,393	51,469	17,142	34,327	8,632	42,959	8,795,778
June	.. ..	18,406	49,489	19,532	29,957	3,730	33,687	8,829,465
1953-54—								
September	.. ..	15,208	50,517	23,289	27,228	10,335	37,563	8,867,028
December	.. ..	19,631	50,760	20,225	30,535	20,200	50,735	8,917,763
March	.. ..					12,175		

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.

(b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947. (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947. (d) Census—30th June, 1947.

POPULATION: STATES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1939	..	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567 6,967,754
1947 (b)	..	2,984,838	2,054,701	1,106,415	646,073	502,480	257,078	10,868	16,905 7,579,358
1948	..	3,025,318	2,090,668	1,127,316	658,024	515,302	262,364	12,458	(a)18,778 7,710,228
1949	..	3,113,659	2,139,124	1,150,771	673,069	532,667	269,383	13,800	(a)19,333 7,911,806
1950	..	3,225,242	2,202,870	1,183,792	700,257	557,918	279,386	15,304	(a)20,772 8,185,541
1951	..	3,317,182	2,269,291	1,211,239	720,040	581,486	290,838	16,422	24,892 8,431,390
1952	..	3,388,437	2,335,475	1,238,425	739,563	601,266	302,111	16,478	26,784 8,648,539
1953	..	3,442,432	2,384,311	1,265,571	757,189	622,203	311,060	17,066	29,633 8,829,465
31st Dec., 1953 ..	3,472,294	2,405,296	1,270,381	765,520	633,531	322,812	16,946	30,983	8,917,763

(a) Revised A.C.T. estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th-16th September, 1951, are as follows:—1948, 19,806; 1949, 21,245; 1950, 23,867. (b) Census—30th June, 1947.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Temporary.				Permanent.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
	Arriving.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	1,910	1,937	2,294	2,297	1,148	953	+ 195
1937-38	2,127	2,060	2,617	2,678	1,478	925	+ 553
1938-39	2,145	1,966	2,649	2,742	2,081	1,055	+ 1,026
1946-47 (a)	793	940	1,229	1,430	1,918	2,107	— 189
1947-48	2,238	1,981	1,729	1,897	3,881	1,523	+ 2,358
1948-49	2,008	1,898	2,829	2,566	9,568	1,511	+ 8,057
1949-50	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	+ 13,799
1950-51	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	+ 11,045
1951-52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	+ 8,746
1952-53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	+ 5,274
Monthly Total—							
1951-52—							
March	3,997	4,655	4,682	4,613	16,675	2,015	+ 14,660
April	2,452	4,497	4,065	4,366	10,949	2,353	+ 8,596
May	2,318	4,703	3,950	5,036	9,650	2,730	+ 6,920
June	2,331	2,919	3,092	3,786	14,524	2,309	+ 12,215
1952-53—							
July	2,609	2,938	3,537	3,572	12,474	2,649	+ 9,825
August	2,824	2,092	3,072	3,843	9,537	2,682	+ 6,855
September	3,696	2,561	3,604	4,007	10,774	2,900	+ 7,874
October	4,161	2,294	3,854	3,818	6,781	2,820	+ 3,961
November	4,415	2,253	3,775	3,712	11,305	2,136	+ 9,169
December	3,932	4,162	5,273	4,748	6,601	3,335	+ 3,266
January	3,799	3,589	3,907	5,220	7,181	2,785	+ 4,396
February	3,306	4,014	4,042	3,742	6,015	2,559	+ 3,456
March	3,496	5,836	4,885	5,335	8,268	3,187	+ 5,081
April	3,441	5,021	4,379	4,999	6,802	2,710	+ 4,092
May	2,310	3,729	2,812	4,266	3,493	2,856	+ 637
June	2,224	2,640	2,918	3,108	6,659	1,979	+ 4,680
1953-54—							
July	2,927	2,731	2,941	3,174	5,757	3,510	+ 2,247
August	3,432	2,196	3,191	2,840	5,600	2,365	+ 3,235
September	4,296	2,092	3,448	3,278	3,719	2,790	+ 929
October	4,828	2,469	4,231	3,833	6,205	2,878	+ 3,327
November	4,492	2,167	4,079	4,056	5,650	1,969	+ 3,681
December	4,144	3,462	4,682	4,399	9,566	2,444	+ 7,122
January	3,820	4,109	4,113	4,423	5,780	4,308	+ 1,472
February	3,223	3,268	4,083	3,557	6,226	1,978	+ 4,248
March	3,602	6,330	5,313	4,867	11,979	3,124	+ 8,855

(a) Excludes troop movements.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

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Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.					
	Govern- ment- al Authori- ties.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- to- ries. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struc- tion.	Trans- port and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- mer- ce and Finance.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7	133.6
1951—June ..	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	55.8	674.7	212.7	294.7	129.7	188.4
1952—June ..	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	58.8	661.6	214.0	299.9	124.8	191.2
1953—June ..	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	58.0	666.3	193.2	295.1	125.0	191.0
1952—December ..	564.5	1,299.4	1,863.9	59.5	644.0	191.8	293.8	126.5	189.8
1953—January ..	559.9	1,297.9	1,857.8	59.2	644.1	187.9	293.9	124.4	191.3
February ..	563.8	1,307.3	1,871.1	59.4	652.9	191.2	294.6	124.2	192.0
March ..	566.8	1,311.3	1,878.1	59.1	657.7	192.4	294.1	123.9	192.4
December ..	569.9	1,340.9	1,910.8	58.4	678.1	191.8	296.4	131.7	194.7
1954—January ..	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	58.1	680.7	191.7	297.6	128.4	196.2
February ..	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	58.3	685.2	194.1	298.3	127.1	197.2
March ..	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	58.5	688.3	198.9	299.3	127.3	198.3
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9	129.0
1951—June ..	113.9	604.9	718.8	0.8	234.4	3.8	40.1	119.1	71.3
1952—June ..	115.3	564.1	679.4	0.9	199.2	4.2	39.5	112.6	72.9
1953—June ..	112.0	561.7	673.7	0.9	202.9	4.3	36.2	109.9	71.5
1952—December ..	111.2	557.9	669.1	0.9	192.3	4.2	36.9	115.5	71.3
1953—January ..	110.3	553.9	664.2	0.9	193.7	4.1	36.8	110.4	72.1
February ..	112.1	559.9	672.0	0.9	199.7	4.2	36.8	109.9	72.3
March ..	112.7	564.4	677.1	0.9	203.9	4.2	36.7	109.6	72.5
December ..	111.3	590.0	701.3	0.9	213.9	4.5	35.8	122.4	73.5
1954—January ..	110.7	587.0	697.7	0.9	215.8	4.5	36.0	116.8	74.6
February ..	113.0	588.3	701.3	1.0	218.5	4.6	36.1	113.5	76.0
March ..	114.2	593.7	707.9	0.9	222.4	4.7	36.3	113.7	76.9
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6	262.6
1951—June ..	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	56.6	909.1	216.5	334.8	248.8	259.7
1952—June ..	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	59.7	860.8	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1
1953—June ..	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	58.9	869.2	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5
1952—December ..	675.7	1,857.3	2,533.0	60.4	836.3	196.0	330.7	242.0	261.1
1953—January ..	670.2	1,851.8	2,522.0	60.1	837.8	192.0	330.7	234.8	263.4
February ..	675.9	1,867.2	2,543.1	60.3	852.6	195.4	331.4	234.1	264.3
March ..	679.5	1,875.7	2,555.2	60.0	861.6	196.6	330.8	233.5	264.9
December ..	681.2	1,930.9	2,612.1	59.3	892.0	196.3	332.2	254.1	268.2
1954—January ..	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	59.0	896.5	196.2	333.6	245.2	270.8
February ..	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	59.3	903.7	198.7	334.4	240.6	273.2
March ..	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	59.4	910.7	203.6	335.6	241.0	275.2

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1951 subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

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Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.										
1939—July	..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1951—June	..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1952—June	..	754.4	524.4	258.1	171.5	126.0	61.0	4.4	8.3	1,908.1
1953—June	..	734.3	521.6	255.2	170.6	130.2	61.8	4.6	8.5	1,886.8
1952—November	..	728.8	515.4	254.5	168.1	126.3	59.9	4.3	8.4	1,865.7
December	..	727.1	516.8	251.8	168.0	126.7	60.6	4.4	8.5	1,863.9
1953—January	..	723.9	517.3	247.6	167.2	127.6	61.2	4.4	8.6	1,857.8
February	..	728.6	519.8	250.5	168.7	128.7	61.8	4.4	8.6	1,871.1
March	..	731.8	521.2	251.5	168.9	129.2	62.4	4.5	8.6	1,878.1
November	..	745.0	527.1	255.4	172.8	131.9	61.3	4.8	8.3	1,906.6
December	..	747.8	529.6	252.5	173.2	132.6	61.9	4.9	8.3	1,910.8
1954—January	..	748.1	530.9	251.8	173.5	133.0	61.9	4.9	8.2	1,912.3
February	..	750.0	533.6	254.2	174.4	133.2	61.9	4.8	8.3	1,920.4
March	..	753.2	537.0	256.1	175.0	133.9	63.1	4.8	8.2	1,931.3
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1951—June	..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1952—June	..	270.5	206.6	83.8	54.9	40.5	19.8	0.8	2.5	679.4
1953—June	..	266.2	205.9	83.7	53.4	41.0	20.1	0.9	2.5	673.7
1952—November	..	264.0	203.5	83.6	52.8	40.6	19.2	0.8	2.4	666.9
December	..	264.5	203.6	84.1	53.4	40.7	19.5	0.9	2.4	669.1
1953—January	..	262.3	202.4	83.6	53.3	39.8	19.5	0.8	2.5	664.2
February	..	265.2	205.3	83.9	53.7	40.8	19.8	0.8	2.5	672.0
March	..	266.4	208.4	83.7	54.0	41.0	20.3	0.8	2.5	677.1
November	..	276.8	212.2	84.5	55.3	42.2	20.2	0.9	2.5	694.6
December	..	278.8	214.6	85.1	56.2	42.6	20.6	0.9	2.5	701.3
1954—January	..	277.0	212.7	84.9	57.0	41.6	21.0	0.9	2.6	697.7
February	..	277.6	215.3	85.3	56.7	42.4	20.5	0.9	2.6	701.3
March	..	279.4	219.1	85.2	57.3	42.6	20.8	0.9	2.6	707.9
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1951—June	..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1952—June	..	1,024.9	731.0	341.9	226.4	166.5	80.8	5.2	10.8	2,587.5
1953—June	..	1,000.5	727.5	338.9	224.0	171.2	81.9	5.5	11.0	2,560.5
1952—November	..	992.8	718.9	338.1	220.9	166.9	79.1	5.1	10.8	2,532.6
December	..	991.6	720.4	335.9	221.4	167.4	80.1	5.3	10.9	2,533.0
1953—January	..	986.2	719.7	331.2	220.5	167.4	80.7	5.2	11.1	2,522.0
February	..	993.8	725.1	334.4	222.4	169.5	81.6	5.2	11.1	2,543.1
March	..	998.2	729.6	335.2	222.9	170.2	82.7	5.3	11.1	2,555.2
November	..	1,021.8	739.3	339.9	228.1	174.1	81.5	5.7	10.8	2,601.2
December	..	1,026.6	744.2	337.6	229.4	175.2	82.5	5.8	10.8	2,612.1
1954—January	..	1,025.1	743.6	336.7	230.5	174.6	82.9	5.8	10.8	2,610.0
February	..	1,027.6	748.9	339.5	231.1	175.6	82.4	5.7	10.9	2,621.7
March	..	1,032.6	756.1	341.3	232.3	176.5	83.9	5.7	10.8	2,639.2

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also notes on page 6

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic- to- ria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.			Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
							Males.	Females.	Persons.		
Monthly											
Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1946-47 ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48 ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49 p ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1949-50 p ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
1950-51 p ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408
1951-52 p ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.8	22.0	672.3	223.0	895.3	1,703	1,369
1952-53 p ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268
Monthly											
Total—											
1951-52 p—											
March ..	375.2	291.7	79.7	81.7	38.9	22.2	672.9	216.5	889.4	1,692	1,354
April ..	367.7	286.9	79.9	81.2	38.3	22.5	667.8	208.7	876.5	1,667	1,330
May ..	361.9	284.1	81.7	79.9	38.0	22.3	663.3	204.6	867.9	1,651	1,316
June ..	358.9	280.9	82.1	79.3	37.6	22.0	661.6	199.2	860.8	1,637	1,301
1952-53 p—											
July ..	354.1	277.9	82.3	78.4	37.4	21.4	655.3	196.2	851.5	1,619	1,284
August ..	350.3	274.5	82.7	77.1	38.0	20.8	650.0	193.4	843.4	1,604	1,269
September ..	346.8	273.6	82.3	76.2	37.8	20.6	645.0	192.3	837.3	1,593	1,258
October ..	347.0	275.3	82.7	76.0	38.1	20.6	646.1	193.6	839.7	1,597	1,258
November ..	347.4	274.8	82.6	75.8	38.2	20.7	645.5	194.0	839.5	1,597	1,256
December ..	345.5	274.5	80.5	76.4	38.2	21.2	644.0	192.3	836.3	1,591	1,249
January ..	346.6	276.2	78.7	76.1	38.4	21.8	644.1	193.7	837.8	1,593	1,247
February ..	351.6	281.5	80.9	77.8	38.9	21.9	652.9	199.7	852.6	1,622	1,268
March ..	354.9	285.1	81.9	78.1	39.5	22.1	657.7	203.9	861.6	1,639	1,278
April ..	356.3	285.1	82.7	78.4	39.8	22.2	661.3	203.2	864.5	1,644	1,280
May ..	357.6	285.2	83.3	78.1	39.9	22.2	663.5	202.8	866.3	1,648	1,282
June ..	358.2	286.0	84.7	78.4	39.9	22.0	666.3	202.9	869.2	1,653	1,284
1953-54 p—											
July ..	358.7	286.9	85.9	78.3	39.9	21.7	667.2	204.2	871.4	1,657	1,286
August ..	359.4	287.9	86.5	79.0	39.9	21.4	669.0	205.1	874.1	1,662	1,290
September ..	362.3	289.7	86.1	79.6	39.9	21.5	671.4	207.7	879.1	1,672	1,296
October ..	367.1	292.3	85.2	80.1	40.0	21.7	675.3	211.1	886.4	1,686	1,306
November ..	370.2	294.3	85.2	80.9	40.2	21.8	679.4	213.2	892.6	1,698	1,313
December ..	370.5	294.1	82.5	82.3	40.3	22.3	678.1	213.9	892.0	1,696	1,310
January ..	371.0	296.4	81.9	83.9	40.3	23.0	680.7	215.8	896.5	1,705	1,311
February ..	373.7	299.8	83.3	84.0	40.4	22.5	685.2	218.5	903.7	1,719	1,319
March ..	374.9	303.4	84.0	84.6	40.7	23.1	688.3	222.4	910.7	1,732	1,327

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp
For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)			
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
Monthly Average—										
1946-47..	..	85.1	60.5	27.8	20.4	15.2	6.5	112.4	103.4	215.8
1947-48..	..	91.0	63.4	29.2	21.8	16.3	6.7	121.2	107.6	228.8
1948-49..	..	93.9	65.7	29.9	22.6	17.1	6.9	125.5	111.2	236.7
1949-50..	..	93.4	66.8	30.2	23.1	17.6	7.0	126.7	112.0	238.7
1950-51..	..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951-52..	..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53..	..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
Monthly Total—										
1951-52—										
March	..	94.1	67.7	30.4	23.1	18.3	7.3	126.3	115.3	241.6
April	92.8	66.9	30.4	23.0	18.3	7.3	125.5	113.8	239.3
May	92.7	66.7	30.4	23.1	18.2	7.2	125.3	113.6	238.9
June	91.8	66.7	30.3	22.9	17.9	7.1	124.8	112.6	237.4
1952-53—										
July	90.7	66.3	30.2	22.7	17.8	7.2	124.0	111.5	235.5
August	89.7	65.5	29.8	22.6	17.7	7.1	123.4	109.7	233.1
September	89.0	64.9	29.8	22.5	17.8	7.1	122.7	109.1	231.8
October	88.9	65.3	29.7	22.5	17.8	7.1	122.8	109.2	232.0
November	90.3	66.2	30.1	22.5	18.0	7.2	124.0	111.0	235.0
December	93.6	68.1	30.8	22.7	18.6	7.5	126.5	115.5	242.0
January	90.2	66.1	30.2	22.2	18.1	7.4	124.4	110.4	234.8
February	89.8	66.1	30.0	22.2	18.1	7.2	124.2	109.9	234.1
March	89.8	66.2	29.8	21.8	17.9	7.3	123.9	109.6	233.5
April	89.7	66.0	29.9	22.4	18.2	7.3	124.5	109.6	234.1
May	89.9	66.2	30.0	22.3	18.3	7.3	124.8	109.9	234.7
June	89.9	66.1	30.2	22.6	18.4	7.2	125.0	109.9	234.9
1953-54—										
July	89.8	65.4	30.2	22.4	18.4	7.3	124.3	109.8	234.1
August	90.1	65.4	30.1	22.4	18.3	7.3	124.5	109.7	234.2
September	90.1	65.8	30.2	22.6	18.4	7.2	124.8	110.2	235.0
October	90.9	66.4	30.4	22.7	18.7	7.3	125.5	111.5	237.0
November	95.2	67.7	31.0	23.5	19.0	7.6	127.8	116.7	244.5
December	99.1	71.7	31.8	23.4	19.7	7.9	131.7	122.4	254.1
January	95.2	67.5	31.3	23.3	19.3	7.9	128.4	116.8	245.2
February	92.7	67.3	30.3	23.0	19.0	7.6	127.1	113.5	240.6
March	93.0	67.7	30.2	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.3	113.7	241.0

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).								
1946-47	..	5,838	3,958	1,770	1,150	827	409	13,952
1947-48	..	6,976	4,719	2,069	1,369	954	492	16,579
1948-49	..	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	..	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1951-52—								
March	Qtr.	..	14,083	9,537	4,143	3,005	2,073	33,920
June	"	..	14,998	10,315	4,594	3,205	2,265	36,537
1952-53—								
September	"	..	14,934	10,181	4,661	3,243	2,281	36,407
December	"	..	15,729	11,017	5,003	3,454	2,394	38,771
March	"	..	14,241	9,932	4,501	3,147	2,288	35,290
June	"	..	15,456	10,828	4,837	3,401	2,413	38,183
1953-54—								
September	"	..	15,654	11,059	4,970	3,483	2,560	38,944
December	"	..	16,753	11,748	5,225	3,640	2,672	41,334
March	"	..	15,303	10,796	4,818	3,447	2,467	38,081

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)

1946-47	..	..	6.81	6.86	6.00	6.19	6.18	5.94	6.59
1947-48	..	..	7.73	7.80	6.58	7.02	6.87	6.72	7.44
1948-49	..	..	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	..	..	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	..	..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	..	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	..	..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1951-52—									
March	Qtr.	..	13.94	13.73	11.58	13.03	12.56	12.75	13.34
June	"	..	15.02	14.99	12.76	13.90	13.68	13.69	14.46
1952-53—									
September	"	..	15.23	15.06	12.96	14.26	13.93	13.35	14.62
December	"	..	16.24	16.30	13.99	15.30	14.55	14.13	15.66
March	"	..	14.70	14.60	12.76	13.91	13.75	13.83	14.23
June	"	..	15.84	15.86	13.55	14.86	14.31	14.52	15.28
1953-54—									
September	"	..	16.01	16.18	13.81	15.19	15.08	14.45	15.55
December	"	..	16.87	16.99	14.58	15.81	15.60	15.23	16.33
March	"	..	15.33	15.44	13.47	14.67	14.29	14.48	14.94

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1953 and of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (operative from 1st July, 1945 to 30th June, 1947) which it repealed.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

Period.	Unemployment.							Sickness.	Special.(b)
	New South Wales.(c)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.(d)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	Australia.(e)	Australia.(e)
Monthly Average—									
1947-48..	..	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,888	8,538
1948-49..	..	282	32	1,094	15	121	31	1,575	7,614
1949-50..	..	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	10,247	7,585
1950-51..	..	287	71	326	6	59	14	763	7,059
1951-52..	..	949	220	1,374	24	64	16	2,647	6,454
1952-53..	..	17,590	6,168	4,281	842	841	262	29,984	7,140
Monthly Total—									
1951-52—									
April ..	(e) (f)	1,370	279	2,530	18	55	9	4,261	5,977
May	2,687	379	2,016	57	82	24	5,245	6,241
June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	8,294	6,378
1952-53—									
July	7,300	2,947	2,188	448	618	179	13,680	6,387
August	13,661	6,454	2,631	878	954	299	24,877	6,556
September	15,982	7,058	2,716	954	790	306	27,806	6,830
October (f)	19,004	7,042	3,200	1,062	875	367	31,550	6,661
November	20,839	7,685	3,289	1,080	921	316	34,130	7,137
December	25,118	7,817	4,452	1,209	1,233	257	40,086	6,382
January	23,653	8,416	7,034	1,205	1,136	189	41,633	7,077
February	20,867	5,158	7,002	730	816	188	34,761	7,436
March	17,802	4,422	5,882	644	701	223	29,674	7,860
April	16,871	5,454	4,972	658	700	250	28,905	7,418
May	15,351	5,630	4,333	576	654	243	26,787	7,804
June	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	25,914	8,135
1953-54—									
July	14,296	6,052	3,154	728	870	405	25,505	8,421
August	12,222	5,549	2,794	596	689	447	22,297	8,546
September	9,975	4,567	2,591	427	541	427	18,528	8,546
October	7,070	3,314	2,495	289	445	312	13,925	8,241
November	5,659	2,367	2,488	224	374	223	11,335	8,181
December	5,742	2,202	3,279	198	386	142	11,949	7,824
January	5,589	1,920	5,295	132	388	99	13,423	7,412
February	4,445	1,539	5,397	99	288	110	11,878	7,727
March	3,675	1,277	3,644	93	196	85	8,970	7,735
April	3,445	1,229	3,252	77	239	78	8,320	7,502

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. (f) From April to September, 1952, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month; thereafter, the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—*continued.*

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount Paid in Benefits.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unemployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants.	Ordinary.	
Monthly Average—								
1947-48..	2,273	116	2,389	30,802	65,944	1,319	3,391	101,456
1948-49..	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319	7,088	4,225	89,202
1949-50..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951-52..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	6,911	2,319	83,971
1952-53..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	8,172	16,197	521,289
Monthly Total—								
1951-52—								
April ..	2,251	954	3,205	26,442	53,215	1,741	7,297	88,695
May ..	3,085	1,440	4,525	29,037	55,993	4,712	6,517	96,259
June ..	5,068	1,500	6,568	42,345	61,706	5,480	9,265	118,796
1952-53—								
July ..	9,037	2,049	11,086	62,782	52,981	15,648	8,391	139,802
August ..	18,387	3,257	21,644	108,369	59,372	9,963	9,420	187,124
September ..	13,491	1,914	15,405	165,905	64,754	10,213	6,007	246,879
October ..	14,502	1,839	16,341	322,697	102,636	15,193	10,095	450,621
November ..	17,071	2,158	19,229	418,642	125,295	3,649	21,388	568,974
December ..	12,611	1,572	14,183	466,964	125,610	4,358	19,753	616,685
January ..	19,276	1,651	20,927	554,904	145,912	10,905	22,529	734,250
February ..	11,509	1,513	13,022	619,691	145,556	9,706	17,999	792,952
March ..	8,525	1,249	9,774	479,235	122,060	3,525	14,134	618,954
April ..	9,641	1,299	10,940	413,500	116,520	5,844	15,348	551,212
May ..	10,716	1,698	12,414	489,769	169,313	6,857	23,463	689,402
June ..	8,746	1,371	10,117	467,289	163,285	2,204	25,839	658,617
1953-54—								
July ..	8,233	1,467	9,700	367,739	142,114	7,141	28,352	545,346
August ..	8,153	1,377	9,530	332,777	144,316	2,822	26,808	506,723
September ..	4,772	838	5,610	317,878	153,423	3,734	27,103	502,138
October ..	4,565	845	5,410	265,396	151,519	722	25,720	443,357
November ..	2,919	630	3,549	196,558	146,036	3,355	26,119	372,068
December ..	3,448	523	3,971	178,023	163,169	3,647	27,693	372,532
January ..	6,883	749	7,632	174,118	135,747	7,449	21,595	338,909
February ..	4,310	714	5,024	170,361	121,033	4,538	19,923	315,855
March ..	2,719	645	3,364	171,167	136,753	2,926	25,690	336,536
April ..	2,297	599	2,896	122,952	132,694	3,725	24,150	283,521

TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States and some industries the returns are more representative than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States or industrial groups. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1936-37	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1946-47	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.4
1947-48	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
1948-49	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
1949-50 (a)	3.3	0.7	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.7	2.0
1950-51	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.8
1951-52 p	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2
1952-53 p	4.1	4.3	2.1	3.1	1.7	4.6	3.7
1950-51—							
August	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.8
November	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.7
February	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
May	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.8
1951-52—							
August	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.6
November	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7
February p	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.1	1.1
May p	2.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.6	3.4	2.2
1952-53 p—							
August	4.2	4.9	2.5	3.8	2.4	5.2	4.0
November	4.8	4.8	1.8	3.2	1.5	5.2	4.1
February	3.9	3.8	2.2	2.8	1.6	4.7	3.4
May	3.5	3.7	2.0	2.4	1.2	3.3	3.1

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—Fuller particulars are shown in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY, 1953 TO MAY, 1953.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 5.5% to 4.1%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 2.1% to 1.5%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., Nil (4.8%); IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 1.1% to 1.2%; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.5% to 0.3%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 9.2% to 7.6%; VII. Building, 5.6% to 6.4%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., Nil (2.4%); X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 2.6% to 1.2%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 2.6% to 2.8%; All groups—3.4% to 3.1%.

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period	Producers' Materials for use in—						Fuels and Lubricants.	Auxiliary Aids to Production.	Munitions and War Stores.	
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.	Total.					
	Class Ia.	Class Ib.	Class Ic.	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.				
Monthly										
Average—		%	%		%				%	
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	3,435	39.9	3,925	45.6	621	7.2
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	4,285	40.2	4,912	46.1	784	7.4
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8	3,599	38.2	4,155	44.1	736	7.8
1946-47 ..	405	2.3	316	1.8	7,595	43.8	8,316	47.9	1,527	8.8
1947-48 ..	727	2.6	289	1.0	12,362	43.9	13,378	47.5	2,379	8.4
1948-49 ..	1,194	3.5	318	0.9	13,545	39.2	15,057	43.6	3,037	8.8
1949-50 ..	2,026	4.5	431	1.0	14,438	32.3	16,895	37.8	3,852	8.6
1950-51 ..	3,416	5.5	416	0.7	23,479	38.0	27,311	44.2	5,029	8.1
1951-52 ..	4,898	5.6	518	0.6	34,630	39.6	40,046	45.8	5,902	6.7
1952-53 ..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9	14,620	34.4	16,470	38.8	5,313	12.5
Monthly										
Total—										
1951-52—										
March ..	4,736	5.5	334	0.4	31,587	37.0	36,657	42.9	6,540	7.7
April ..	4,528	5.6	396	0.5	29,541	36.2	34,465	42.3	5,595	6.9
May ..	3,629	4.8	497	0.7	24,611	32.7	28,737	38.2	6,753	9.0
June ..	1,828	3.3	310	0.6	19,467	35.5	21,605	39.4	6,021	11.0
1952-53—										
July ..	1,736	3.5	385	0.8	16,940	33.9	19,061	38.2	6,608	13.3
August ..	836	2.1	405	1.0	15,161	38.3	16,402	41.4	5,465	13.8
September	1,490	3.5	458	1.1	15,464	36.6	17,412	41.2	6,222	14.7
October	1,722	3.8	403	0.9	13,500	30.2	15,625	34.9	5,924	13.2
November	1,395	3.9	246	0.7	12,565	35.4	14,206	40.0	4,551	12.8
December	1,400	3.7	276	0.7	12,329	31.9	14,005	36.3	5,127	13.3
January ..	1,407	3.1	316	0.7	15,906	35.6	17,629	39.4	5,549	12.4
February	1,280	3.1	404	1.0	13,393	32.2	15,077	36.3	4,910	11.8
March ..	1,478	3.3	331	0.8	15,620	35.3	17,429	39.4	4,472	10.1
April ..	1,525	3.6	337	0.7	14,393	33.3	16,255	37.6	5,802	13.4
May ..	1,762	4.0	500	1.1	15,683	35.5	17,945	40.6	4,961	11.2
June ..	1,749	4.2	363	0.9	14,483	34.5	16,595	39.6	4,170	9.9
1953-54 p—										
July ..	1,455	2.8	358	0.7	17,737	34.1	19,550	37.6	6,541	12.6
August ..	1,866	3.6	364	0.7	18,760	35.9	20,990	40.2	4,565	8.7
September	1,875	3.5	358	0.7	18,249	34.4	20,482	38.6	6,258	11.8
October	1,611	3.2	306	0.6	18,018	35.7	19,935	39.5	5,786	11.5
November	1,626	3.2	383	0.8	18,628	36.7	20,637	40.7	6,152	12.2
December	2,126	3.6	607	1.0	21,037	35.9	23,770	40.5	4,725	8.1
January ..	2,091	3.5	384	0.6	21,257	35.2	23,732	39.3	6,498	10.7
February	1,556	3.4	444	1.0	17,587	38.8	19,587	43.2	4,023	8.9
March ..	2,043	3.0	519	0.8	25,655	38.4	28,217	42.2	6,667	10.0
									1,870	2.8

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.				Finished Consumer Goods.						
	Producers' Equipment.	Transport Equipment.			Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.
		Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.	Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.	Class V. A, B, C.							
		Class IV.	Class V. B.	Class V. A, B, C.	Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.	Class VI.	Class VI.	Class VI.	
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.2	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,157
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.9	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,299
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,217
1946-47 ..	1,435	8.3	1,544	8.9	231	1.3	868	5.0	107	0.6	1,777
1947-48 ..	2,393	8.5	2,437	8.6	172	0.6	1,617	5.7	280	1.0	3,330
1948-49 ..	3,409	9.9	4,231	12.2	355	1.0	1,619	4.7	614	1.8	3,714
1949-50 ..	5,297	11.9	8,643	19.3	497	1.1	2,163	4.8	578	1.3	4,233
1950-51 ..	6,675	10.8	9,239	14.9	1,137	1.8	2,871	4.7	745	1.2	5,893
1951-52 ..	9,960	11.4	10,941	12.5	1,661	1.9	3,074	3.5	1,149	1.3	8,377
1952-53 ..	8,409	19.7	3,569	8.3	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,369
Monthly Total—											
1951-52—											
March ..	10,190	11.9	10,714	12.5	1,086	1.3	2,617	3.1	1,543	1.8	8,687
April ..	10,893	13.3	10,691	13.1	1,303	1.6	2,441	3.0	901	1.1	8,325
May ..	12,447	16.5	10,073	13.4	1,479	2.0	2,206	2.9	419	0.5	5,535
June ..	10,000	18.2	5,149	9.4	1,665	3.0	1,859	3.4	141	0.3	3,134
1952-53—											
July ..	8,474	17.0	4,852	9.7	2,048	4.1	1,577	3.2	118	0.2	2,011
August ..	6,489	16.4	2,859	7.2	1,902	4.8	1,434	3.6	98	0.2	1,726
September ..	8,231	19.4	2,667	6.3	1,355	3.2	2,146	5.1	105	0.2	1,928
October ..	10,093	22.6	2,933	6.5	4,326	9.7	1,590	3.6	107	0.2	3,036
November ..	7,299	20.5	3,004	8.5	1,678	4.7	1,135	3.2	80	0.2	1,949
December ..	8,322	21.6	3,074	8.0	2,337	6.1	1,915	5.0	111	0.3	2,004
January ..	9,158	20.5	4,555	10.2	1,464	3.3	2,221	5.0	105	0.2	2,181
February ..	8,639	20.8	3,002	7.2	1,358	3.3	917	2.2	72	0.2	1,850
March ..	9,246	20.9	4,159	9.4	2,018	4.6	1,960	4.4	197	0.5	2,865
April ..	8,790	20.3	3,803	8.8	555	1.3	2,947	6.8	208	0.5	2,931
May ..	8,130	18.4	3,907	8.8	493	1.1	2,913	6.6	157	0.3	3,037
June ..	8,032	19.1	4,012	9.6	898	2.1	2,253	5.4	204	0.5	2,898
1953-54 p—											
July ..	8,753	16.8	5,247	10.1	799	1.5	3,829	7.4	283	0.5	4,490
August ..	9,910	19.0	5,584	10.7	1,076	2.0	2,458	4.7	275	0.5	4,484
September ..	10,001	18.8	5,299	10.0	1,050	2.0	2,069	3.9	384	0.7	4,823
October ..	8,239	16.3	4,638	9.2	1,657	3.3	2,744	5.4	370	0.7	5,602
November ..	7,804	15.4	4,889	9.7	1,348	2.6	2,209	4.4	409	0.8	5,356
December ..	9,200	15.7	5,552	9.5	3,448	5.8	2,545	4.3	443	0.8	6,736
January ..	10,854	18.0	6,091	10.1	1,202	2.0	3,220	5.3	525	0.9	6,258
February ..	7,016	15.5	4,773	10.5	1,075	2.4	2,442	5.4	412	0.9	4,366
March ..	10,794	16.1	6,155	9.2	1,939	2.9	2,816	4.2	798	1.2	7,358

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elaborately trans-formed.	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elaborately trans-formed.	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elaborately trans-formed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,528	45	303	1,371	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,222	48	300	1,550	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,704	55	309	1,501	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1946-47 ..	2,422	795	5,099	109	634	2,009	2,531	3,321	11,510	17,362
1947-48 ..	2,903	1,803	8,672	107	1,110	4,010	3,010	5,872	19,292	28,174
1948-49 ..	3,273	2,059	9,725	133	899	4,915	3,406	6,738	24,361	34,505
1949-50 ..	3,916	1,777	11,202	180	1,277	5,517	4,096	7,851	32,730	44,677
1950-51 ..	7,012	3,185	17,114	273	1,600	7,636	7,285	10,961	43,577	61,823
1951-52 ..	7,788	4,788	27,469	359	1,446	10,795	8,147	13,933	65,398	87,478
1952-53 ..	4,712	2,195	9,563	251	1,182	2,983	4,963	9,443	28,123	42,529
Monthly Total—										
1951-52—										
March ..	6,808	3,171	26,678	167	1,154	11,526	6,975	12,703	65,723	85,401
April ..	4,616	3,090	26,759	260	1,243	10,164	4,876	11,814	64,844	81,534
May ..	6,498	2,512	19,727	375	1,087	6,698	6,873	12,011	56,433	75,317
June ..	4,656	2,820	14,129	142	1,581	3,411	4,798	11,675	38,407	54,880
1952-53—										
July ..	5,121	1,780	12,160	110	1,011	2,585	5,231	10,550	34,098	49,879
August ..	4,445	2,768	9,189	173	998	2,087	4,618	9,994	24,939	39,551
September ..	4,823	2,956	9,633	221	1,543	2,415	5,044	11,514	25,733	42,291
October ..	3,648	2,084	9,893	333	906	3,494	3,981	8,949	31,823	44,753
November ..	4,240	2,342	7,624	159	518	2,487	4,399	8,001	23,136	35,536
December ..	4,016	1,214	8,775	200	1,137	2,693	4,216	8,196	26,064	38,476
January ..	4,928	2,407	10,294	367	1,480	2,660	5,295	10,294	29,115	44,704
February ..	5,095	1,368	8,614	115	473	2,251	5,210	7,490	28,817	41,517
March ..	4,780	2,212	10,437	199	1,270	3,553	4,979	8,789	30,442	44,210
April ..	5,046	2,308	8,901	482	1,825	3,779	5,528	10,767	26,969	43,264
May ..	5,158	2,709	10,078	320	1,773	4,014	5,478	10,332	28,426	44,236
June ..	5,246	2,194	9,155	331	1,250	3,772	5,577	8,434	27,914	41,925
1953-54 p—										
July ..	5,168	2,593	11,789	687	1,749	6,166	5,855	11,899	34,299	52,053
August ..	5,421	3,375	12,194	295	1,461	5,461	5,716	10,444	36,073	52,233
September ..	4,806	3,070	12,606	255	1,026	5,995	5,061	11,379	36,638	53,078
October ..	4,754	3,093	12,088	444	1,528	6,744	5,198	11,393	33,909	50,500
November ..	5,615	2,758	12,264	362	1,138	6,474	5,977	11,009	33,687	50,673
December ..	6,400	3,026	14,344	327	1,175	8,222	6,727	10,097	41,866	58,690
January ..	6,324	2,966	14,442	194	2,044	7,765	6,518	12,677	41,184	60,379
February ..	6,447	2,510	10,630	329	1,416	5,475	6,776	8,902	29,687	45,365
March ..	7,703	3,740	16,774	509	1,622	8,841	8,212	13,268	45,406	66,886

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports. (b)
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	5,209	2,029	734	309	861	609	402	172	165	12,374
1937-38 ..	3,915	2,245	898	336	1,021	516	409	224	171	11,806
1938-39 ..	3,561	1,106	1,074	348	982	342	356	239	169	10,212
1946-47—										
1947-48 ..	10,511	2,406	1,048	235	1,761	1,228	904	202	129	25,752
1948-49 ..	12,396	7,053	1,719	264	1,882	1,030	1,148	213	324	33,844
1949-50 ..	19,283	8,202	1,984	1,108 (a)	2,388	1,017	1,856	288	260	45,206
1950-51 ..	26,096	7,376	2,056	1,185	2,854	1,263	1,416	241	328	51,141
1951-52 ..	52,779	8,921	1,539	1,240	2,533	2,272	1,796	389	477	81,816
1952-53 ..	26,953	7,359	383	586	2,957	1,428	2,156	472	572	55,668
	33,576	7,449	1,675	1,805	5,481	1,677	2,116	669	791	70,906
Monthly Total—										
1951-52—										
March ..	38,014	5,863	196	54	2,465	1,338	2,927	5	343	66,563
April ..	30,167	7,972	172	31	2,713	1,263	3,054	575	991	59,000
May ..	21,273	7,540	498	294	3,616	1,010	1,182	1,350	2,098	51,825
June ..	22,248	6,070	397	142	2,887	1,222	2,787	902	2,150	53,021
1952-53—										
July ..	23,910	5,899	438	30	5,082	1,350	3,743	907	1,026	57,493
August ..	9,698	6,973	589	877	5,516	1,618	2,467	1,120	544	41,819
September ..	15,319	5,526	1,014	2,200	6,025	1,342	1,764	1,017	184	50,218
October ..	41,647	5,886	3,188	2,794	7,953	1,666	3,687	104	208	84,925
November ..	46,447	6,650	2,618	3,518	6,915	1,767	3,689	147	86	86,559
December ..	48,435	4,893	3,365	1,561	5,613	1,753	494	19	159	81,716
January ..	34,389	6,390	1,024	2,020	5,137	1,636	931	19	12	66,638
February ..	31,824	5,050	1,257	2,650	4,652	1,876	1,708	17	172	64,817
March ..	48,681	10,097	2,267	3,011	4,855	1,525	1,660	153	1,068	90,191
April ..	38,580	10,348	1,502	1,782	4,308	1,996	2,151	1,520	2,347	79,240
May ..	31,493	9,534	1,499	962	4,431	1,966	1,470	1,915	3,012	72,953
June ..	32,484	12,141	1,336	250	5,289	1,633	1,629	1,092	679	74,305
1953-54 p—										
July ..	32,514	12,893	818	1,110	7,501	1,731	2,172	1,483	413	76,596
August ..	12,198	5,396	685	3,514	7,004	1,553	1,880	1,209	167	48,530
September ..	23,634	4,989	512	4,191	5,078	1,974	3,278	527	67	59,669
October ..	50,967	4,643	1,234	4,854	4,672	1,916	1,805	384	130	86,064
November ..	49,473	5,763	2,448	4,807	5,256	1,469	1,887	368	148	85,202
December ..	48,235	2,841	1,190	3,898	4,925	1,453	1,938	107	115	79,307
January ..	29,789	4,318	1,474	3,210	3,588	1,593	1,576	44	40	57,958
February ..	32,082	3,554	1,604	2,011	3,038	1,214	1,250	43	119	58,100
March ..	49,391	4,559	1,850	1,726	3,628	1,830	2,897	31	1,454	85,913

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).
Gold Ingots, Bar, Sheet, Granulated, Dust, &c., and Gold Specie.

(b) Excludes Gold contained in Matte,

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat. (a)	Butter.	Metals. (b)	Meats. (c)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (d)	Tallow.	Hides. (e)	Gold. (f)	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
Percentage Dis- tribution of Base Aggregate } (g) } (h)	45.63 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 ..	.. 100.00	100.00 ..
1936-37	..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	99	116	115
1937-38	..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102
1938-39	..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82
1947-48	..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296
1948-49	..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348
1949-50	..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399
1950-51	..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690
1951-52	..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495
1952-53	..	616	p441	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	p504
1951-52—												
February	..	520	432	291	827	271	501	303	483	451	196	475
March	..	460	432	291	817	273	501	300	483	378	193	445
April	..	475	432	291	799	273	501	300	483	398	187	451
May	..	543	432	291	711	273	501	300	483	346	184	477
June	..	566	432	291	641	273	501	300	483	343	186	483
1952-53—												
July	..	(i) 566	432	313	621	294	501	300	483	340	186	486
August	..	(i) 566	432	313	613	294	501	300	483	381	187	486
September	..	551	432	313	603	294	501	300	483	379	188	477
October	..	588	432	313	501	321	501	300	(i) 483	383	188	490
November	..	588	432	313	501	321	501	300	360	404	187	490
December	..	618	p448	313	510	321	501	300	322	395	184	p508
January	..	618	p448	313	509	321	501	300	298	391	189	p508
February	..	626	p448	313	475	321	501	300	295	375	186	p509
March	..	656	p448	313	463	321	501	290	298	364	185	p522
April	..	671	p448	313	418	321	501	290	284	344	185	p526
May	..	701	p448	313	407	321	501	290	252	352	184	p540
June	..	641	p448	313	429	321	500	290	249	326	181	p512
1953-54—												
July	..	(i) 641	p448	325	446	331	500	290	244	319	183	p515
August	..	(i) 634	p446	325	450	331	500	290	251	321	182	p511
September	..	626	p443	325	438	331	500	290	260	336	182	p506
October	..	634	p428	325	450	340	500	290	269	374	181	p509
November	..	634	p414	325	458	340	500	290	301	383	176	p508
December	..	p611	p413	325	442	340	500	290	341	377	177	p495
January	..	p603	p411	325	427	340	461	290	369	377	176	p489
February	..	p581	p402	325	423	340	461	290	368	353	177	p476

(a) From October, 1951, to July, 1953, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. The estimated average realization for the period December, 1952 to July, 1953 is subject to revision when necessary data are available. Prices adopted for months since August, 1953, are of an interim nature, derived from available information of current sales. (b) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (c) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (d) Sultanas, lexiyas, currants. (e) Cattle hides, calf skins. (f) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets such price has been used in the index. (g) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For all Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (i) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	1950-51.			1951-52.			1952-53.			1953-54.		
	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
July ..	a592	333	451	a717	400	544	a566	381	465	a641	p367	p492
August ..	864	340	579	551	400	468	a566	380	465	a634	p367	p488
September ..	890	355	599	498	400	445	551	379	457	626	p365	p484
October ..	890	360	602	686	403	532	588	370	469	634	p363	p486
November ..	965	366	639	603	398	492	588	368	469	634	p360	p485
December ..	973	366	643	581	403	484	618	p374	p485	p611	p358	p473
January ..	1,252	368	771	566	402	477	618	p374	p485	p603	p354	p468
February ..	1,339	369	811	520	402	456	626	p369	p486	p581	p350	p455
March ..	1,437	377	860	460	400	427	656	p367	p499			
April ..	1,094	384	708	475	397	432	671	p361	p502			
May ..	973	385	653	543	385	457	701	p359	p515			
June ..	717	383	535	566	376	463	641	p361	p489			
Year ..	999	365	654	564	397	473	616	p370	p482			

(a) Nominal.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the “quantity-multipliers” are changed each month. The index numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted average price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

Month.	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.						Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.					
	1951-52.		1952-53.		1953-54.		1951-52.		1952-53.		1953-54.	
	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.
July ..	116	119	93	84	p97	p107	116	119	93	84	p97	p107
August ..	113	87	96	98	p98	p104	114	104	94	89	p98	p106
September ..	110	80	95	102	p96	p105	113	96	95	93	p97	p106
October ..	107	85	93	88	p99	p105	111	92	94	91	p98	p106
November ..	106	70	93	96	p99	p105	110	85	94	92	p98	p106
December ..	106	67	p98	p105	p96	p98	110	82	p95	p95	p98	p104
January ..	106	54	p95	p105	p95	p97	109	75	p95	p96	p97	p103
February ..	107	50	p93	p112	p95	p93	109	71	p95	p98	p97	p102
March ..	105	41	p91	p126			109	66	p94	p101		
April ..	100	53	p92	p123			108	64	p94	p104		
May ..	98	65	p97	p117			107	65	p94	p105		
June ..	95	84	p96	p107			106	66	p94	p105		

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1951-52—											
March ..	365	223	504	327	261	394	330	289	295	313	308
April ..	370	223	517	327	262	395	332	295	297	318	312
May ..	379	230	559	327	278	433	347	294	302	325	318
June ..	379	230	570	331	296	433	349	298	302	330	321
1952-53—											
July ..	392	230	570	349	279	435	355	304	302	338	327
August ..	394	230	577	350	241	418	351	303	295	338	325
September ..	399	230	566	349	237	418	352	295	294	333	321
October ..	390	235	589	349	233	418	352	283	295	322	314
November ..	390	237	589	349	223	420	352	280	296	321	313
December ..	390	237	609	349	227	420	353	292	297	329	320
January ..	389	236	608	350	223	420	353	290	297	328	318
February ..	391	235	611	355	212	391	348	290	289	328	316
March ..	393	235	640	355	212	391	350	289	290	328	317
April ..	392	235	643	348	203	391	349	299	288	336	322
May ..	391	233	661	349	203	364	344	301	279	338	321
June ..	392	233	621	348	199	364	342	305	283	338	322
1953-54—											
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346	325
August ..	389	226	581	329	198	365	335	336	275	360	335
September ..	389	226	576	329	199	364	335	331	276	357	333
October ..	389	226	576	327	198	364	334	325	273	353	329
November ..	388	223	574	327	197	365	333	311	270	342	321
December ..	388	223	p561	327	192	365	p332	304	269	p337	rp317
January ..	384	223	p564	327	190	365	p331	p305	p271	p336	p317
February ..	384	221	p546	317	187	365	p328	p306	p269	p336	p316
March ..	389	222	p545	317	183	365	p330	p305	p269	p336	p316

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Aus- tralia.	Canada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.	U.S.A.
	Common- wealth Statisti- cian.	Dominion Statistician.	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Gov- ernment of India.	Gov- ern- ment Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Bureau of Labour Statistics. (a)
1936-37 ..	98	101	83	104	96	97	98	100	104
1937-38 ..	101	104	105	100	102	103	103	104	101
1938-39 ..	101	95	112	96	102	100	99	96	95
1949-50 ..	205	195	2,196	(b) 389	184	195	198	237	186
1950-51 ..	246	224	(c) 123	426	210	216	237	288	211
1951-52 ..	300	229	145	414	243	252	285	321	213
1952-53 ..	320	216	141	386	252	269	278	320	209
1952-53— June ..	r322	216	139	405	249	268	271	322	207
1953-54— July ..	325	216	137	408	248	268	270	322	210
August ..	335	217	137	410	248	272	268	319	209
September ..	333	216	137	404	248	272	267	318	210
October ..	329	215	136	394	253	273	267	318	208
November ..	321	214	137	391	252	271	269	320	208
December ..	p317	214	138	389	252	270	268	318	208
January ..	p317	215	r138	399	249	271	268	318	210
February ..	p316		138	395	244	269		p319	209
March ..	p316		136	394	244	269		p321	209

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date).
prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100.
1949 = 100.

(b) "Sensitive Series"

(c) New Series. Base :

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

Period.	Australia.(a)	Canada.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	United Kingdom.(a)	United States of America.
	Common- wealth Statistician.(b)	Dominion Statistician	Government Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Ministry of Labour.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.
1936-37 ..	973	98	96	97	Base : 17th June, 1947 = 100.	100
1937-38 ..	998	102	101	101		101
1938-39 ..	1,029	100	103	102		99
1948-49 ..	1,528	158	142	155	(c). 109	170
1949-50 ..	1,669	160	146	159		166
1950-51 ..	1,906	172	159	168		178
1951-52 ..	2,337	186	176	182	(d) 131	186
1952-53 ..	2,550	184	185	194	139	189
1953-54— July ..	2,618	183 184 185 185 185 184 184	190	197 200 201 200 198 196 197	141 140 140 140 140 140 140	190 190 191 191 190 190 191
August ..						
September ..						
October ..						
November ..						
December ..						
January ..						
February ..	2,624	184	195	197	140	190
March ..						

(a) For bases of series for Australia and United Kingdom, see notes (b), (c) and (d). (b) For Australia the base is the average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100; cannot be linked to former series. (d) From the month of February, 1952, the new series on base 15th January, 1952 = 100 has been linked to former series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100.

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Indexes : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.					Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous ("C" Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)
1936-37 ..	963	968	976	996	973	949	976
1937-38 ..	989	1,001	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009
1938-39 ..	1,048	1,031	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1946-47 ..	1,208	1,054	1,873	1,225	1,309	1,423	1,087
1947-48 ..	1,333	1,056	2,013	1,279	1,392	1,565	1,123
1948-49 ..	1,531	1,058	2,264	1,349	1,528	1,757	1,150
1949-50 ..	1,664	1,063	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913	1,147
1950-51 ..	1,998	1,076	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206
1951-52 ..	2,694	1,104	3,623	1,898	2,337	2,806	1,201
1952-53 ..	2,950	1,194	3,893	2,124	2,550	3,104	1,217
1948-49—							
March Quarter ..	1,557	1,059	2,260	1,359	1,538	1,771	1,151
June ..	1,588	1,059	2,400	1,381	1,582	1,818	1,149
1949-50—							
September Quarter ..	1,597	1,060	2,498	1,402	1,610	1,857	1,153
December ..	1,635	1,062	2,606	1,436	1,653	1,891	1,144
March ..	1,685	1,063	2,636	1,461	1,682	1,927	1,146
June ..	1,740	1,065	2,764	1,473	1,730	1,976	1,142
1950-51—							
September Quarter ..	1,809	1,066	2,831	1,492	1,773	2,026	1,143
December ..	1,932	1,068	2,946	1,555	1,853	2,291	1,236
March ..	2,048	1,084	3,040	1,630	1,932	2,367	1,225
June ..	2,203	1,087	3,357	1,710	2,067	2,507	1,213
1951-52—							
September Quarter ..	2,444	1,091	3,463	1,787	2,191	2,629	1,200
December ..	2,644	1,094	3,582	1,870	2,303	2,771	1,203
March ..	2,751	1,105	3,658	1,905	2,366	2,878	1,216
June ..	2,937	1,124	3,789	2,031	2,488	2,946	1,184
1952-53—							
September Quarter ..	2,966	1,156	3,808	2,103	2,524	3,054	1,210
December ..	2,908	1,181	3,884	2,121	2,530	3,102	1,226
March ..	2,943	1,212	3,912	2,134	2,558	3,110	1,216
June ..	2,981	1,227	3,967	2,138	2,586	3,150	1,218
1953-54—							
September Quarter ..	3,073	1,235	3,946	2,141	2,618	3,195	1,220
December ..	3,092	1,243	3,933	2,147	2,624	3,206	1,222
March ..	3,070	1,255	3,946	2,157	2,624	3,213	1,224

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

(Hours and Wages relate to Adult Males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1953 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,637	2,537	2,374	2,492	2,534	2,613	2,558
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,185	3,070	2,985	3,030	3,178	3,192	3,110
“Real” .. (a) ..	1,208	1,210	1,257	1,216	1,254	1,222	1,216
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	238/-	229/-	215/-	225/-	229/-	232/-	231/-
State	(b) 238/-	(c)	(d) 216/-	(b) 225/-	(e) 238/6	(c)	..
1953 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,662	2,570	2,385	2,524	2,583	2,651	2,586
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,231	3,103	3,009	3,065	3,214	3,259	3,150
“Real” .. (a) ..	1,214	1,207	1,262	1,214	1,244	1,229	1,218
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	241/-	232/-	217/-	228/-	231/-	239/-	234/-
State	(b) 241/-	(c)	(f) 218/-	(b) 228/-	(g) 241/10	(c)	..
1953 : September Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,693	2,595	2,417	2,553	2,625	2,756	2,618
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,302	3,135	3,022	3,104	3,255	3,307	3,195
“Real” .. (a) ..	1,226	1,208	1,250	1,216	1,240	1,200	1,220
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	243/-	235/-	218/-	231/-	236/-	242/-	236/-
State	(b) 243/-	(c)	(h) 219/-	(b) 231/-	(i) 246/6	(c)	..
1953 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,690	2,605	2,454	2,562	2,610	2,803	2,624
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,307	3,150	3,053	3,108	3,260	3,311	3,206
“Real” .. (a) ..	1,229	1,209	1,244	1,213	1,249	1,181	1,222
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (j)	243/-	235/-	218/-	231/-	236/-	242/-	236/-
State	(j) 243/-	(k) 237/-	(l) 222/-	(j) 231/-	(i) 246/6	(m) 242/-	..
1954 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,697	2,595	2,466	2,549	2,648	2,748	2,624
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	3,307	3,157	3,081	3,108	3,260	3,311	3,213
“Real” .. (a) ..	1,226	1,217	1,249	1,219	1,231	1,205	1,224
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (j)	243/-	235/-	218/-	231/-	236/-	242/-	236/-
State	(j) 243/-	(b) 238/-	(n) 225/-	(j) 231/-	(i) 246/6	(j) 242/-	..
1954 : June Quarter—							
Federal metrop. basic wage (j)	243/-	235/-	218/-	231/-	236/-	242/-	236/-
State	(j) 243/-	(b) 237/-	(n) 225/-	(j) 231/-	(i) 246/6	(j) 242/-	..

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000
 Retail prices index numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared by Wages Boards generally adopt Federal rates. (d) Payable as from 22nd January. (e) Payable as from 27th January. (f) Payable as from 4th May. (g) Payable as from 27th April. (h) Payable as from 3rd August. (i) Payable as from 27th July. (j) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay period commencing August, 1953. (k) Payable from date in November or December, 1953, prescribed in determinations. (l) Payable as from 2nd November. (m) See note (c) above. An adjustment increase of 10s. was also generally payable under the Wages Boards determinations from early November, but ceased to operate from 9th December when automatic adjustments were discontinued. (n) Payable as from 1st February.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1952-53 and 1953-54 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1945-46	174	133	159	157	118	169
1946-47	194	182	157	185	187	185
1947-48	267	263	183	247	301	230
1948-49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1952-53 p	365	531	367	434	623	372
1953-54 p	335	551	372	434	639	366

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)							Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 ..	999	933	964	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1946-47 ..	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48 ..	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450	1,625	1,386	1,515
1948-49 ..	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413	1,681	1,364	1,536
1949-50 ..	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458	1,746	1,370	1,573
1950-51 ..	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763	2,108	1,623	1,886
1951-52 ..	2,040	1,658	872	1,606	2,625	1,662	1,537	1,838	1,402	1,638
1952-53 ..	1,733	1,376	861	1,337	2,059	1,398	1,335	1,494	1,186	1,353
1951-52—										
April ..	1,697	1,403	840	1,331	2,230	1,423	1,312	1,479	1,212	1,356
May ..	1,743	1,398	847	1,338	2,178	1,436	1,341	1,423	1,157	1,301
June ..	1,719	1,368	871	1,300	2,165	1,418	1,327	1,409	1,142	1,286
1952-53—										
July ..	1,760	1,379	870	1,370	2,127	1,434	1,366	1,419	1,163	1,301
August ..	1,756	1,386	873	1,383	2,118	1,428	1,351	1,403	1,166	1,294
September ..	1,709	1,365	883	1,361	2,108	1,398	1,321	1,391	1,126	1,269
October ..	1,705	1,317	858	1,336	2,088	1,375	1,315	1,431	1,132	1,293
November ..	1,693	1,309	857	1,297	2,114	1,367	1,309	1,461	1,133	1,310
December ..	1,698	1,298	850	1,302	2,075	1,362	1,313	1,465	1,143	1,317
January ..	1,755	1,376	854	1,342	2,058	1,401	1,364	1,529	1,193	1,375
February ..	1,751	1,418	866	1,351	2,029	1,408	1,358	1,585	1,251	1,432
March ..	1,755	1,441	864	1,343	2,006	1,412	1,347	1,570	1,254	1,424
April ..	1,733	1,411	844	1,323	1,985	1,394	1,317	1,539	1,222	1,394
May ..	1,734	1,396	850	1,311	1,975	1,391	1,322	1,555	1,224	1,403
June ..	1,745	1,411	866	1,326	2,030	1,405	1,342	1,580	1,228	1,418
1953-54—										
July ..	1,773	1,413	871	1,360	2,086	1,425	1,377	1,610	1,242	1,442
August ..	1,784	1,456	871	1,387	2,171	1,451	1,411	1,635	1,245	1,456
September ..	1,780	1,483	876	1,381	2,185	1,460	1,429	1,647	1,265	1,472
October ..	1,745	1,508	859	1,345	2,203	1,445	1,409	1,660	1,276	1,483
November ..	1,733	1,509	856	1,345	2,193	1,441	1,403	1,671	1,280	1,492
December ..	1,760	1,523	842	1,361	2,227	1,458	1,424	1,676	1,294	1,501
January ..	1,810	1,566	866	1,357	2,314	1,500	1,480	1,665	1,313	1,503
February ..	1,812	1,574	887	1,358	2,375	1,509	1,481	1,675	1,330	1,517
March ..	1,805	1,554	927	1,386	2,372	1,508	1,475	1,667	1,326	1,511
April ..	1,778	1,566	921	1,392	2,143	1,483	1,457			

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Farm Production Prices (All farming). (a) (Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)	Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs).			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : "C" Series Index. (c)	Share Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).	
			Goods Principally Imported. (b)	Goods Principally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.			
1936-37 ..	109	1,144	991	980	984	973	1,022	
1937-38 ..	99	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009	
1938-39 ..	92	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969	
1947-48 ..	247	2,834	1,924	1,448	1,588	1,392	1,450	
1948-49 ..	260	3,324	2,008	1,727	1,809	1,528	1,426	
1949-50 ..	316	3,830	2,231	1,982	2,054	1,669	1,491	
1950-51 ..	505	6,544	2,555	2,423	2,461	1,906	1,845	
1951-52 ..	410	4,731	2,879	3,046	2,996	2,337	1,662	
1952-53 ..	p434	p4,823	2,920	3,313	3,196	2,550	1,398	
1953-54 ..	p434							
1951-52—								
April ..	..	4,324	2,966	3,180	3,117	2,488	1,423
May ..	..	4,568	3,016	3,252	3,182		1,436
June ..	..	4,626	3,016	3,297	3,213		1,418
1952-53—								
July ..	..	4,650	3,024	3,376	3,271	2,524	1,434
August ..	..	4,649	2,945	3,381	3,252		1,428
September ..	..	4,574	2,944	3,325	3,212		1,398
October ..	..	4,694	2,954	3,223	3,142		1,375
November ..	..	4,687	2,955	3,206	3,132		1,367
December ..	..	p4,853	2,974	3,294	3,198		1,362
January ..	..	p4,854	2,967	3,276	3,184		1,401
February ..	..	p4,862	2,890	3,276	3,161		1,408
March ..	..	p4,989	2,897	3,282	3,167		1,412
April ..	..	p5,025	2,880	3,357	3,216		1,394
May ..	..	p5,153	2,787	3,383	3,206		1,391
June ..	..	p4,889	2,827	3,380	3,216		1,405
1953-54—								
July	p4,920	2,748	3,456	3,245	2,618	1,425
August	p4,884	2,754	3,604	3,351		1,451
September	p4,839	2,755	3,568	3,327		1,460
October	p4,865	2,730	3,528	3,292		1,445
November	p4,845	2,698	3,425	3,209		1,441
December	p4,731	2,687	p3,369	p3,167		1,458
January	p4,676	p2,712	p3,361	p3,168		1,500
February	p4,552	p2,689	p3,360	p3,161		1,509
March		p2,692	p3,360	p3,161		1,508
April						1,483

(a) See note at head of page 24. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—								
1936-37 (a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 (a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 (a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1946-47 ..	2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947-48 ..	2,381	3,649	124	453	2,505	4,102	585	4,687
1948-49 ..	2,621	4,457	110	440	2,731	4,897	680	5,577
1949-50 ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
1950-51 ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
1951-52 ..	2,736	6,703	165	1,270	2,901	7,973	1,727	9,700
1952-53 ..	2,506	6,472	303	1,744	2,809	8,216	1,829	10,045
Monthly Total—								
1951-52—								
February ..	2,369	5,655	170	1,260	2,539	6,915	1,372	8,287
March ..	2,591	6,187	146	926	2,737	7,113	1,736	8,849
April ..	2,191	5,733	163	946	2,354	6,679	1,914	8,593
May ..	2,326	5,729	182	1,513	2,508	7,242	2,064	9,306
June ..	3,098	7,402	197	1,534	3,295	8,936	1,574	10,510
1952-53—								
July ..	2,364	5,835	242	1,146	2,606	6,981	1,563	8,544
August ..	2,128	5,209	371	1,646	2,499	6,855	1,878	8,733
September ..	3,250	7,576	344	2,038	3,594	9,614	2,242	11,856
October ..	2,407	6,015	442	2,064	2,849	8,079	1,832	9,911
November ..	2,307	5,931	226	1,741	2,533	7,672	1,645	9,317
December ..	2,118	5,403	226	1,201	2,344	6,604	1,655	8,259
January ..	2,030	5,092	183	1,222	2,213	6,314	1,293	7,607
February ..	2,579	6,843	294	1,593	2,873	8,436	1,867	10,303
March ..	2,752	7,397	296	1,280	3,048	8,677	2,381	11,058
April ..	2,331	6,435	327	2,023	2,658	8,458	1,835	10,293
May ..	2,837	7,671	322	2,184	3,159	9,855	1,830	11,685
June ..	2,981	8,254	356	2,793	3,337	11,047	1,931	12,978
1953-54—								
July ..	2,777	7,904	358	3,191	3,135	11,095	2,114	13,209
August ..	2,724	7,910	351	2,241	3,075	10,151	2,190	12,341
September ..	2,810	8,355	377	2,143	3,187	10,498	2,072	12,570
October ..	2,769	7,796	325	2,097	3,094	9,893	1,845	11,738
November ..	2,746	7,697	363	2,491	3,109	10,188	1,696	11,884
December ..	2,149	6,653	269	2,164	2,418	8,817	1,418	10,235
January ..	r2,116	r6,209	r224	r1,209	r2,340	r7,418	r1,523	r8,941
February ..	2,301	6,729	272	2,062	2,573	8,791	2,816	11,607

(a) Excludes Suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—Building controls under National Security (Building Control) Regulations operated from 5th December, 1940, becoming most stringent in 1942, when consent was required for all building other than alterations and additions costing less than £25. These controls were progressively relaxed after 1945 and have now virtually ceased to exist, except for minor restrictions in Victoria and Western Australia. For more detailed notes see earlier issues of this publication.

The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.(a)			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Govern- ment.	Private.		Govern- ment. (b)	Private		Govern- ment.	Private.	
		Common- wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.		Common- wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.		Common- wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.
Monthly Average									
1936-37	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1946-47	1,248	4,084	(e)1,991	633	1,768	1,301	371	1,195	91
1947-48	2,009	4,687	(f)3,151	1,044	1,705	(g)1,985	545	1,650	126
1948-49	1,992	5,577	3,832	904	2,089	2,432	675	1,804	211
1949-50	2,751	7,129	4,863	985	2,625	3,101	1,067	2,218	217
1950-51	4,348	10,426	(h)8,568	1,964	3,610	4,519	1,428	3,187	(i)2,031
1951-52	3,631	9,700	7,877	1,603	2,679	3,717	960	2,831	1,947
1952-53	2,760	10,045	7,671	923	2,799	3,542	1,129	2,906	1,931
1951-52—									
December	Qtr.	3,400	9,452	7,757	1,357	2,820	3,612	946	2,856
March	"	3,096	8,249	6,706	1,193	2,120	2,859	960	2,380
June	"	3,589	9,469	7,371	1,466	2,320	3,490	1,011	2,517
1952-53—									
September	"	2,218	9,711	6,888	772	2,270	3,197	780	2,946
December	"	3,549	9,162	7,497	494	2,646	3,232	2,242	2,757
March	"	2,639	9,656	7,499	1,334	2,703	3,507	660	2,769
June	"	2,684	11,652	8,802	1,094	3,576	4,232	834	3,155
1953-54—									
September	"	4,105	12,706	9,766	1,923	3,807	4,578	1,496	3,708
December	"	r4,626	11,285	9,311	2,356	3,166	4,505	1,432	3,813
March	"							1,407	3,277
Monthly Total									
1953-54—									
October	..	r5,736	11,738	n.a.	3,085	3,244	4,684	1,828	3,725
November	..	r4,104	11,884	n.a.	2,097	3,663	4,416	1,187	3,701
December	..	r4,036	10,235	n.a.	1,886	2,591	4,414	1,280	4,014
January	..	pr3,376	r8,941	n.a.	1,425	2,516	3,690	r1,151	r2,769
February	..	p3,471	11,607	n.a.	957	3,853	4,047	1,821	2,907
March	..							1,250	4,153

(a) See note (a) on page 29. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.
(d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A, below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below. (h) See B below. (i) Includes all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs from September quarter, 1950.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.(b)	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.	Private.(a)	
		Common- wealth and State.	Brisbane and Suburbs.		Common- wealth and State.	Adelaide and Suburbs.		Common- wealth and State.	Perth and Suburbs.		Common- wealth and State.	Hobart and Sub- urbs.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.
Monthly Average												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1946-47 ..	78	455	290	57	379	105	77	187	(c)60	32	(d)100	(e)144
1947-48 ..	141	557	(f)692	132	418	91	115	238	60	32	119	197
1948-49 ..	116	610	721	105	564	132	145	338	70	47	172	266
1949-50 ..	198	827	868	217	727	188	197	499	111	87	233	378
1950-51 ..	357	1,106	1,061	216	1,174	215	270	1,027	274	113	322	468
1951-52 ..	228	1,426	1,107	377	1,386	265	379	1,120	347	84	258	494
1952-53 ..	220	1,376	1,209	226	1,525	336	219	1,157	320	43	282	333
1951-52—												
Dec. Qtr.	329	1,319	1,109	272	1,093	291	451	1,088	336	45	276	569
March	133	1,292	1,093	326	1,313	239	321	904	299	163	240	399
June	271	1,391	1,007	426	2,044	304	395	1,007	349	20	190	427
1952-53—												
Sept.	230	1,862	1,106	179	1,370	313	241	966	285	16	297	334
Dec.	302	1,089	1,100	236	1,215	327	260	1,207	306	15	248	277
March	140	1,442	1,292	274	1,394	387	198	1,091	330	33	257	357
June	257	1,112	1,337	216	2,119	316	175	1,364	359	108	326	368
1953-54—												
Sept.	151	1,450	1,431	263	1,654	390	234	1,573	487	38	514	411
Dec.	165	1,262	1,392	298	1,244	321	273	1,539	489	102	261	426
March				343	1,321	365		1,647	473	111	405	341
Monthly Total—												
1953-54—												
October	163	1,359	1,576	261	1,609	n.a.	329	1,510	610	70	291	462
November	214	1,287	1,373	353	1,243	n.a.	190	1,715	404	r63	275	488
December	117	1,139	1,227	279	r881	n.a.	302	1,392	453	172	218	327
January	170	856	1,288	312	1,061	n.a.	217	1,459	429	101	280	260
February	82	1,372	1,474	329	1,383	n.a.	193	1,587	397	89	505	333
March				388	1,520	n.a.	1,894	593	142	432	430	

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.(a)	Other.	Total.(a)
Quarterly Averages.									
1946-47 ..	13,740	4,148	17,888	8,924	1,578	10,502	44,745	21,255	66,000
1947-48 ..	17,900	5,138	23,038	13,307	2,389	15,696	66,509	33,588	100,097
1948-49 ..	22,277	6,940	29,217	18,331	3,932	22,263	86,832	49,135	135,967
1949-50 ..	27,516	8,014	35,530	22,446	5,251	27,697	115,714	61,119	176,833
1950-51 ..	40,478	14,615	55,093	31,222	6,258	37,480	162,481	91,632	254,113
1951-52 ..	44,951	16,224	61,175	43,110	10,876	53,986	187,631	125,534	313,165
1952-53 ..	39,358	13,909	53,267	47,514	18,169	65,683	167,584	115,629	283,213
Quarterly Totals.									
1951-52—									
Dec.	Qtr.	..	46,637	15,473	62,110	45,268	9,560	54,828	185,554
March	"	..	43,190	15,122	58,312	41,599	10,753	52,352	189,921
June	"	..	40,879	18,054	58,933	47,425	13,973	61,398	187,631
1952-53—									
Sept.	"	..	37,145	13,091	50,236	48,604	16,882	65,486	180,359
Dec.	"	..	36,393	10,105	46,498	49,861	17,955	67,816	170,245
March	"	..	40,185	14,086	54,271	45,965	19,065	65,030	166,184
June	"	..	43,709	18,352	62,061	45,625	18,772	64,397	167,584
1953-54—									
Sept.	"	..	48,458	21,564	70,022	46,816	21,712	68,528	173,099
Dec.	"	..	46,817	18,942	65,759	53,584	20,043	73,627	168,113
									115,353
									283,466

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—								
1946-47 ..	(a)4,274	2,767	1,814	686	529	354	78	a10,502
1947-48 ..	(a)6,076	4,473	2,598	1,020	832	570	127	a15,696
1948-49 ..	(a)8,434	6,839	3,050	1,621	1,177	953	189	a22,263
1949-50 ..	a10,230	8,671	3,488	2,268	1,338	1,336	366	a27,697
1950-51 ..	a12,367	13,014	4,322	3,010	2,237	2,101	429	a37,480
1951-52 ..	19,052	17,154	6,335	4,531	3,606	2,628	680	53,986
1952-53 ..	24,512	19,027	6,558	6,471	5,730	2,666	718	65,682
Quarterly Total—								
1951-52—								
Dec.	Qtr.	..	18,125	18,257	6,200	4,613	3,735	3,338
March	"	..	20,437	15,014	6,485	4,197	3,466	1,961
June	"	..	22,795	18,796	7,036	5,269	4,285	2,432
1952-53—								
Sept.	"	..	22,585	21,047	6,252	6,232	5,735	2,867
Dec.	"	..	25,008	18,943	6,892	6,860	6,448	2,700
March	"	..	26,233	18,453	5,999	6,481	4,876	2,495
June	"	..	24,223	17,664	7,090	6,309	5,859	2,603
1953-54—								
Sept.	"	..	24,296	22,463	6,627	5,941	6,308	2,283
Dec.	"	..	26,550	22,926	6,732	6,584	7,274	2,223
								1,338
								73,627

(a) Partly estimated.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.								
Quarterly Average—								
1947-48..	(a)4,952	3,870	2,382	895	768	516	98	(a)13,481
1948-49..	(a)5,323	4,122	2,340	1,140	961	712	134	(a)14,732
1949-50..	(a)5,514	4,911	2,502	1,527	1,258	916	97	(a)16,725
1950-51..	(a)6,292	6,737	2,675	1,991	1,742	1,030	219	(a)20,686
1951-52..	6,091	5,877	2,999	2,128	1,932	896	78	20,001
1952-53..	5,258	4,064	2,345	1,992	1,753	571	132	16,115
Quarterly Total—								
1951-52—Dec. Qtr.	6,323	6,410	2,976	1,998	2,039	1,016	64	20,826
Mar. "	5,892	5,294	2,919	2,205	1,828	787	93	19,018
June "	5,782	4,699	2,677	2,211	1,725	684	74	17,852
1952-53—Sept. "	4,496	3,623	2,929	2,321	1,674	574	83	15,700
Dec. "	5,210	3,729	2,070	1,865	1,736	492	178	15,280
Mar. "	5,203	4,423	2,117	1,729	1,842	695	185	16,194
June "	6,121	4,479	2,265	2,052	1,760	524	82	17,283
1953-54—Sept. "	6,788	5,294	2,217	1,907	1,984	683	72	18,945
Dec. "	7,283	5,173	1,957	1,591	1,741	595	72	18,412
Mar. "								p18,653
COMPLETED.								
Quarterly Average—								
1947-48..	(a)3,715	2,962	2,300	752	693	386	68	(a)10,876
1948-49..	(a)4,466	3,570	2,338	997	811	572	81	(a)12,835
1949-50..	(a)4,692	3,902	2,362	1,226	877	713	101	(a)13,873
1950-51..	(a)4,943	5,290	2,569	1,680	1,290	979	144	(a)16,895
1951-52..	5,837	5,988	2,951	1,928	1,644	1,000	146	19,494
1952-53..	6,222	5,258	2,650	2,235	1,991	829	147	19,332
Quarterly Total—								
1951-52—Dec. Qtr.	6,041	6,513	3,008	1,964	1,821	1,336	154	20,837
Mar. "	6,122	5,231	3,049	1,754	1,477	705	121	18,459
June "	6,158	6,056	2,868	2,225	1,899	887	174	20,267
1952-53—Sept. "	6,388	5,675	2,836	2,352	2,040	909	131	20,331
Dec. "	6,216	5,564	2,663	2,476	2,314	983	213	20,429
Mar. "	6,368	4,905	2,473	2,071	1,630	704	105	18,256
June "	5,918	4,889	2,626	2,041	1,981	718	141	18,314
1953-54—Sept. "	5,918	5,626	2,266	1,973	1,893	608	124	18,408
Dec. "	7,394	5,994	2,430	2,051	2,138	661	203	20,871
Mar. "								p16,644
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.								
1947-48 ..	(a)19,686	15,312	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	(a)46,549
1948-49 ..	(a)23,113	17,521	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	(a)54,242
1949-50 ..	(a)26,402	21,553	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	(a)65,708
1950-51 ..	(a)31,793	27,341	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	(a)80,909
1951-52 ..	(a)32,806	26,896	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	(a)83,000
1952-53 ..	(a)28,946	22,053	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	(a)70,092
1951-52—Dec. Qtr.	(a)33,412	28,190	5,456	6,938	6,740	3,264	836	(a)84,836
Mar. "	(a)33,182	28,253	5,326	7,411	7,091	3,346	808	(a)85,417
June "	(a)32,806	26,896	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	(a)83,000
1952-53—Sept. "	(a)30,914	24,844	5,228	7,384	6,551	2,808	660	(a)78,389
Dec. "	(a)29,908	22,994	4,635	6,786	5,973	2,317	626	(a)73,239
Mar. "	(a)28,743	22,506	4,279	6,450	6,185	2,308	706	(a)71,177
June "	(a)28,946	22,053	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	(a)70,092
1953-54—Sept. "	(a)29,816	21,721	3,869	6,422	6,042	2,189	594	(a)70,653
Dec. "	(a)29,705	20,900	3,396	5,960	5,645	2,123	463	(a)68,192
Mar. "								p70,201

(a) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Production). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined. (b)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1946-47 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,178	490	77.2	2,784	627	95.3	109.4	5,852	14,693	1,812
1947-48 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,231	535	75.5	3,025	697	103.0	112.1	5,784	14,497	1,290
1948-49 ..	1,066	178	1,244	586	74.9	3,061	754	87.1	98.2	6,298	17,017	939
1949-50 ..	1,039	204	1,243	636	71.6	2,908	792	91.5	101.5	6,981	15,784	968
1950-51 ..	1,124	245	1,369	608	74.3	3,075	875	109.4	120.3	6,478	15,682	936
1951-52 ..	1,245	353	1,598	675	75.7	3,366	941	118.2	126.8	7,011	15,680	1,483
1952-53 p ..	1,254	292	1,546	675	86.6	3,439	1,024	139.9	151.9	7,181	16,030	1,501
Monthly Total—												
1951-52—												
April ..	1,219	349	1,568	649	79.4	3,215	914	119.0	117.5	7,429	15,291	1,184
May ..	1,347	378	1,725	701	77.5	3,656	992	95.9	91.6	7,729	17,627	1,446
June ..	1,224	311	1,535	684	83.6	3,743	988	93.0	99.7	7,225	10,388	2,626
1952-53 p—												
July ..	1,510	375	1,885	728	93.7	4,068	1,082	122.3	147.2	7,269	18,721	821
August ..	1,295	277	1,572	717	69.5	3,855	1,039	133.2	153.1	7,315	19,540	1,818
September ..	1,429	385	1,814	655	80.8	3,528	992	150.4	152.1	7,072	18,407	1,733
October ..	1,507	359	1,866	667	101.2	3,473	1,018	157.8	166.0	7,338	18,413	2,381
November ..	1,321	327	1,648	680	82.4	3,271	965	144.2	154.5	7,116	18,437	2,333
December ..	1,076	266	1,342	596	96.5	3,206	972	140.7	153.8	7,412	12,679	639
January ..	884	182	1,066	610	81.6	3,011	939	134.3	157.1	7,368	3,202	493
February ..	1,264	268	1,532	635	79.2	2,861	932	133.9	145.1	6,715	7,996	1,520
March ..	1,319	287	1,606	665	88.4	3,221	1,052	164.9	164.7	7,422	19,292	1,179
April ..	1,153	251	1,404	670	82.4	3,220	1,017	158.2	158.8	7,110	18,714	1,793
May ..	1,125	257	1,382	748	84.6	3,684	1,121	146.1	172.4	7,285	18,045	830
June ..	1,151	278	1,429	702	97.1	3,876	1,160	151.9	171.7	6,754	18,910	2,466
1953-54p—												
July ..	1,525	300	1,825	710	79.4	4,149	r1,195	156.3	184.8	7,070	21,590	237
August ..	1,437	273	1,710	707	106.8	4,031	r1,155	158.3	186.9	7,445	20,062	239
September ..	r1,465	291	r1,756	701	86.8	3,675	r1,109	151.5	171.0	7,403	19,934	729
October ..	r1,459	r280	r1,739	746	88.6	3,591	r1,125	162.5	187.8	8,394	21,256	1,766
November ..	r1,417	r255	r1,672	723	93.3	3,354	r1,085	157.3	181.7	8,405	16,387	2,489
December ..	r1,105	r204	r1,309	624	106.6	3,216	r1,062	161.7	167.1	8,806	21,130	938
January ..	985	188	1,173	632	83.1	3,073	r1,036	158.8	180.4	8,593	22,190	3,463
February ..	1,246	208	r1,454	652	86.7	2,931	1,020	135.5	151.7	7,883	18,332	2,829
March ..			r1,811	723	92.7	3,353	1,181	144.2	178.6	8,921	17,973	2,365
April ..			1,516	721				143.5	177.1	8,677		

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(b) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association.

(c) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r..p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.	
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)		
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.									
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257	
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458	
1946-47 ..	41.4	3,118	561	1,610	87.3	73.5	755	3,629	2,264	894	5,711	
1947-48 ..	48.2	3,483	1,689	1,641	93.1	84.4	977	4,438	3,309	2,532	9,362	
1948-49 ..	51.4	3,680	2,358	1,547	98.7	86.0	1,103	5,120	4,130	3,494	12,134	
1949-50 ..	50.3	3,785	3,387	1,529	101.9	97.3	1,105	5,155	3,892	2,865	13,528	
1950-51 ..	57.4	3,918	4,230	1,771	105.1	102.9	1,265	6,251	4,613	3,733	16,994	
1951-52 ..	59.6	4,072	5,540	1,944	116.0	103.1	1,373	5,975	4,251	4,240	16,066	
1952-53 p ..	r55.9	4,793	3,809	2,032	109.0	119.3	1,216	3,886	r2,866	1,883	15,145	
Monthly Total—												
1951-52—								(e)				
March ..	61.0	4,296	5,650	2,224	118.6	115.0	1,435	5,650	4,026	4,427	12,776	
April ..	57.1	4,366	5,267	1,822	107.7	103.9	1,310	5,070	3,149	3,605	12,020	
May ..	64.1	4,461	5,504	2,305	120.9	123.9	1,452	5,457	3,656	3,577	11,751	
June ..	56.6	4,479	5,089	2,009	116.2	111.5	1,365	5,294	2,281	2,946	9,586	
1952-53 p—												
July ..	r60.0	4,874	4,652	2,077	117.2	100.2	1,337	6,037	r2,712	2,420	9,632	
August ..	r53.2	4,435	4,167	2,123	115.7	101.5	1,237	4,560	2,315	1,504	8,833	
September	r56.4	5,132	4,171	1,969	107.3	124.0	1,322	3,862	2,782	1,635	12,770	
October ..	57.7	5,293	4,585	2,150	120.6	126.8	1,328	4,407	2,972	2,052	18,481	
November	53.0	4,775	4,310	2,504	110.2	126.9	1,221	3,528	3,064	1,564	22,415	
December	46.0	4,126	3,110	1,418	99.6	111.4	1,029	3,026	r2,422	1,431	21,909	
January ..	41.6	3,612	2,727	1,490	89.4	99.7	970	2,537	2,301	1,200	17,372	
February	55.5	4,611	3,749	2,215	101.5	104.3	1,211	3,434	3,123	1,625	18,298	
March ..	62.0	5,135	3,810	2,065	108.0	128.4	1,301	3,698	3,290	2,213	13,975	
April ..	59.6	5,026	3,625	1,920	102.9	135.9	1,213	3,746	3,125	2,310	12,109	
May ..	60.4	5,201	3,291	2,412	119.9	139.3	1,217	4,026	3,147	2,128	13,236	
June ..	64.7	5,293	3,504	2,038	116.0	132.9	1,200	3,766	3,143	2,515	12,710	
1953-54 p—												
July ..	68.6	5,607	3,794	2,348	129.3	141.3	1,466	4,970	3,850	2,575	17,517	
August ..	63.6	5,345	3,568	2,372	116.5	138.8	1,419	4,400	3,780	2,331	17,448	
September	72.1	5,889	4,050	2,207	125.4	137.2	1,471	5,295	4,048	2,989	22,183	
October ..	70.2	5,466	3,985	2,344	126.7	146.5	1,487	4,024	4,040	r2,965	28,871	
November	67.8	5,532	4,074	2,224	116.9	135.1	1,519	3,924	3,789	3,047	30,702	
December	60.4	4,686	3,782	1,778	109.4	133.4	r1,249	3,223	3,407	2,415	31,916	
January ..	50.2	3,902	2,686	1,673	88.7	118.2	1,110	2,491	2,439	2,308	25,350	
February	62.3	5,037	3,457	2,210	93.9	121.3	1,458	3,220	3,045	2,673	23,333	
March ..	75.6	5,659	4,064	2,527		156.2	1,602	3,952	3,987	3,860	21,975	

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, — see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.			Wool Textiles.			Boots and Shoes (not Rubber).
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37 ..	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38 ..	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39 ..	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1946-47 ..	2,257	2,117	n.a.	15.3	4.13	3.18	1,306
1947-48 ..	2,368	1,960	369.2	14.8	4.28	3.42	1,351
1948-49 ..	2,290	2,133	475.5	13.5	4.24	3.40	1,287
1949-50 ..	2,519	2,398	548.5	14.4	4.09	3.11	1,284
1950-51 ..	2,938	2,537	905.0	12.7	3.87	3.13	1,409
1951-52 ..	2,872	2,617	905.4	10.1	3.04	2.44	1,400
1952-53 p ..	2,266	1,986	1,287.5	10.4	2.93	2.40	1,335
Monthly Total—							
1951-52—							
March ..	2,702	r2,775	r805.5	10.1	2.49	2.28	1,418
April ..	2,541	r2,696	r709.8	9.3	1.95	1.75	1,237
May ..	2,393	r2,587	r791.4	10.8	2.31	1.89	1,406
June ..	2,465	r2,678	r761.8	10.7	2.28	1.71	1,323
1952-53 p—							
July ..	2,699	2,715	1,047.6	10.3	2.28	1.70	1,474
August ..	2,248	1,949	1,102.8	8.3	2.43	1.76	1,379
September ..	2,389	2,041	1,100.0	7.7	2.53	2.05	1,402
October ..	2,550	2,172	1,341.9	10.0	2.74	2.43	1,451
November ..	2,148	1,841	1,278.1	10.1	2.98	2.57	1,335
December ..	1,784	1,552	966.7	9.7	2.54	2.05	1,075
January ..	1,411	1,271	901.3	8.0	2.00	1.75	803
February ..	2,097	1,855	1,308.6	10.3	3.25	2.82	1,312
March ..	2,425	1,847	1,395.9	11.6	3.52	2.99	1,411
April ..	2,529	2,292	1,608.3	11.5	3.59	2.78	1,393
May ..	r2,320	2,036	1,820.3	11.8	3.76	3.02	1,481
June ..	2,590	2,268	1,578.8	15.6	3.58	2.87	1,506
1953-54 p—							
July ..	3,012	2,513	1,781.8	12.7	3.72	r2.75	1,629
August ..	2,798	2,364	1,691.5	10.9	3.75	r2.85	1,494
September ..	3,345	2,608	1,722.1	11.4	3.95	r2.97	1,571
October ..	2,961	2,565	1,886.7	11.2	3.86	r2.89	1,526
November ..	3,136	2,602	1,603.0	11.1	3.80	r2.98	1,479
December ..	2,912	2,139	1,274.0	10.6	3.20	2.36	1,259
January ..	2,214	1,723	1,245.1	8.4	r2.42	2.05	913
February ..	3,070	r2,322	1,640.9	r9.7	3.67	2.76	1,304
March ..	3,963	3,103	1,664.5	12.7	4.18	3.24	1,568

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery.			Underwear.(a)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Children's.	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—						
1936-37	83.1	157.1	49.1	191.8	(b) 60.6	
1937-38	86.7	183.7	52.0	227.6	(b) 69.9	
1938-39	91.9	178.0	51.0	229.2	(b) 56.2	
1946-47	106.4	121.6	43.0	234.7	(b) 59.1	
1947-48	105.4	130.6	59.8	254.7	(b) 66.7	
1948-49	106.3	128.0	58.8	264.0	(b) 71.3	
1949-50	99.3	142.4	54.7	294.2	(b) 73.7	
1950-51	128.0	154.8	46.9	107.7	201.9	89.5
1951-52	121.8	155.6	38.9	105.6	196.6	96.5
1952-53 p	131.3	193.7	34.5	92.0	171.5	73.1
Monthly Total—						
1951-52—				(c)	(c)	
March	102.5	135.1	32.8	90.0	173.3	79.8
April	86.9	117.9	27.6	78.0	155.6	77.9
May	101.0	150.1	32.4	75.5	169.1	82.1
June	106.2	156.1	33.0	78.1	158.2	75.9
1952-53 p—						
July	120.9	183.6	26.1	89.5	177.5	88.8
August	119.1	170.9	25.7	88.4	154.5	82.6
September	133.9	197.5	35.0	90.7	178.3	86.6
October	152.4	211.4	38.0	100.0	197.4	97.8
November	138.1	194.1	33.9	90.1	184.3	84.4
December	119.6	167.9	29.9	82.4	161.9	70.4
January	85.1	120.5	20.3	62.7	106.8	34.8
February	134.9	193.3	38.1	92.5	165.6	60.8
March	139.9	227.7	42.9	100.1	183.2	65.2
April	142.7	212.0	36.0	100.3	182.6	62.4
May	138.2	217.7	43.8	103.3	183.9	64.3
June	150.4	227.2	44.2	104.2	182.8	79.4
1953-54 p—						
July	170.6	251.6	53.4	123.5	227.7	99.9
August	163.0	224.4	51.8	112.0	209.6	107.4
September	183.6	249.1	52.6	132.2	250.7	119.4
October	169.6	215.1	48.0	125.9	239.9	125.7
November	176.9	231.8	46.7	128.5	241.4	133.1
December	148.6	208.2	39.4	112.3	198.8	107.4
January	103.8	151.6	28.1	83.6	150.3	56.6
February	142.1	214.7	42.7	109.6	197.2	83.2
March	177.6	272.8	54.2	131.3	252.9	108.7

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric.
partly estimated from February to June, 1952.

(b) Excludes knitted.

(c) Monthly series

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigmeats (as Pork).	Total. (b)	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(c)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	9.94	7.71	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.92	7.16	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.1	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.55	7.24	80.5	7,523
1946-47	124.1	35.2	90.0	11,568	3,518	5,871	40.6	15.2	10.00	7.91	73.7	10,657
1947-48	133.2	36.3	97.8	13,132	3,453	6,509	46.8	13.8	10.80	7.48	78.9	10,561
1948-49	139.9	35.7	101.1	13,424	3,596	7,304	48.1	15.1	11.59	7.82	82.6	12,171
1949-50	125.8	35.2	103.5	14,037	3,731	7,464	50.5	17.2	12.69	7.52	87.9	13,009
1950-51	141.3	37.6	100.0	13,303	3,692	7,069	54.3	13.5	9.37	7.11	84.3	14,397
1951-52	143.4	41.1	87.6	10,931	3,382	6,360	48.5	14.7	8.88	7.07	79.2	15,398
1952-53p	143.5	35.2	102.3	13,623	3,898	7,160	56.2	20.5	12.28	7.03	96.0	16,592
Monthly Total—												
1951-52—												
March	137.5	43.0	80.6	10,197	2,165	4,942	41.7	16.8	7.83	7.13	73.5	16,455
April ..	116.0	36.0	73.8	9,132	1,682	4,239	40.0	14.3	7.53	7.04	68.9	15,179
May ..	141.7	41.8	68.3	8,219	1,565	3,516	51.7	15.4	7.08	7.37	81.5	14,831
June ..	132.4	38.9	64.0	7,449	1,602	3,058	56.7	14.6	7.15	6.19	84.6	13,038
1952-53p—												
July ..	138.2	48.6	68.2	7,855	2,226	3,537	59.4	15.5	8.02	6.92	89.8	15,355
Aug. ..	139.3	42.4	84.2	10,316	3,620	5,200	52.9	15.6	9.12	6.51	84.1	15,180
Sept. ..	135.9	42.4	113.7	15,126	5,267	8,846	51.3	18.7	12.20	6.87	89.1	16,301
Oct. ..	139.1	39.1	140.3	19,314	6,865	12,048	55.8	22.9	21.66	7.28	107.6	16,817
Nov. ..	139.2	30.2	142.3	19,452	6,952	13,282	50.1	21.3	22.61	7.16	101.2	13,876
Dec. ..	125.2	26.2	140.6	19,522	6,322	12,502	53.3	24.7	18.79	9.43	106.2	19,096
Jan. ..	144.8	28.3	121.9	16,895	4,889	9,384	48.4	24.4	10.88	6.26	89.9	18,740
Feb. ..	142.5	32.3	106.8	15,045	3,299	6,854	49.3	24.4	9.02	6.09	88.8	16,790
Mar. ..	148.0	36.2	100.2	14,056	2,624	5,403	56.2	23.4	9.48	7.22	96.3	18,374
Apr. ..	141.1	32.7	79.2	10,435	1,745	3,550	56.4	19.9	9.15	7.04	92.5	16,463
May ..	164.7	31.9	68.0	8,283	1,478	2,734	67.6	17.9	8.45	6.95	100.9	16,173
June ..	162.7	31.6	62.4	7,177	1,483	2,576	73.6	17.0	7.69	6.67	105.0	15,937
1953-54p—												
July ..	170.7	37.0	62.9	6,951	1,986	3,096	70.7	15.8	7.63	7.44	101.6	14,658
Aug. ..	149.6	38.4	77.1	8,919	3,327	5,136	66.3	15.2	7.53	6.55	95.6	15,339
Sept. ..	141.5	37.7	102.2	12,798	5,397	7,730	59.0	14.6	10.08	6.29	90.0	17,034
Oct. ..	134.0	36.0	131.1	17,504	7,372	9,904	55.9	18.3	14.81	6.90	95.9	18,141
Nov. ..	140.1	38.5	141.6	19,664	7,392	10,175	50.8	23.2	18.42	7.80	100.2	19,238
Dec. ..	118.8	37.6	134.8	18,606	6,645	9,677	50.2	23.7	15.51	9.22	98.6	21,596
Jan. ..	121.5	41.5	121.6	17,051	5,093	7,520	47.0	22.3	11.25	5.71	86.3	19,962
Feb. ..	108.1	36.0	108.2	15,416	3,614	5,496	46.9	22.1	8.14	5.61	82.8	16,604
Mar. ..	124.7	108.2	15,468	3,094	5,125	57.7	20.9	9.18	7.58	95.4	20,734	

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Chemicals and Allied Products.					Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c.	
		Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.			Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.		
				Ready- Mixed Paint.	Lacquers Nitro- Cellulose.	Enamels, Natural and Synthetic.					
		'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.				'000.	
Monthly Average—											
1936-37	1,805	36.4	90.9	161	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.	
1937-38	1,904	41.3	102.8	170	60	39	4,032	804	518	n.a.	
1938-39	1,939	40.8	100.0	176	48	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.	
1946-47	2,534	38.3	97.5	233	63	94	1,199	496	528	141	
1947-48	2,502	40.4	98.8	291	74	116	1,874	536	786	142	
1948-49	2,427	48.8	118.6	308	69	143	2,131	487	799	143	
1949-50	2,558	51.0	123.6	330	78	186	2,347	333	1,174	164	
1950-51	2,652	53.3	129.0	466	96	157	3,036	387	1,853	187	
1951-52	2,795	54.2	133.1	459	99	174	3,486	390	1,865	213	
1952-53 p	3,018	52.4	131.8	355	r84	177	3,875		1,707	141	
Monthly Total—											
1951-52—											
March	3,071	57.6	136.6	406	107	165	3,564	(b)	1,663	245	
April	2,704	61.0	152.1	368	89	144	3,512	158	1,500	208	
May	2,982	54.0	127.1	386	92	153	4,226	(b)	1,934	244	
June	2,353	49.8	132.7	316	77	132	3,713	(b)	1,720	203	
1952-53 p—											
July	2,933	49.6	123.4	274	76	146	3,956	1,752	214		
August	2,840	47.6	115.8	267	r72	128	3,467	1,560	160		
September	2,860	51.4	121.2	308	68	161	3,579	1,564	115		
October	3,208	54.2	143.1	394	r74	160	4,036	1,688	131		
November	3,068	45.9	111.4	364	79	183	3,999	1,455	100		
December	r2,873	51.9	135.8	335	r73	169	3,864	1,430	76		
January	2,714	43.5	111.0	313	62	146	2,421	1,083	86		
February	3,157	48.4	119.4	399	r97	192	4,063	1,884	130		
March	3,314	58.0	144.5	444	112	217	4,753	2,159	167		
April	3,039	60.2	160.4	392	r94	195	4,058	2,119	148		
May	3,169	57.5	148.8	397	107	217	4,007	1,910	163		
June	3,037	60.5	146.6	373	r92	217	4,299	1,880	202		
1953-54 p—											
July	3,350	55.7	134.0	428	105	224	5,460	2,263	240		
August	2,840	55.7	126.5	397	100	205	5,572	2,148	221		
September	3,582	57.4	147.5	447	109	239	5,599	2,455	251		
October	3,500	58.3	133.4	426	115	248	5,466	2,262	244		
November	3,750	53.3	122.3	428	113	254	5,189	2,408	245		
December	3,247	61.2	151.2	425	97	216	r4,862	1,933	210		
January	2,952	60.7	143.2	343	82	170	3,570	1,254	159		
February	3,272	59.8	145.3	426	100	197	5,096	1,655	219		
March	4,003	70.3	179.4	470	124	237	6,574	2,035	290		

(a) Details for 1950-51 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1951-52 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.
(Base : 1948 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (b)	Denmark. (b)	France. (b)	Italy.	Japan.	Netherlands.	Norway. (b)	Sweden. (b)	United King- dom. (c)	U.S.A. (b) (d)
1937 ..	102	55	n.a.	98	102	192	88	n.a.	67	91	59
1938 ..	82	52	n.a.	90	101	210	89	81	67	86	46
1939 ..	87	56	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	98	86	73	n.a.	56
1947 ..	93	96	n.a.	86	96	n.a.	83	90	94	n.a.	96
1948 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1949 ..	100	102	106	110	110	124	112	110	104	106	93
1950 ..	102	108	119	111	127	142	123	124	108	114	108
1951 ..	118	115	121	125	144	193	128	133	113	117	115
1952 ..	114	119	117	131	147	213	130	133	110	114	119
1953 ..	114	127	119	r126	161	r257	144	r140	111	121	129
1952—											
March ..	115	113	120	137	144	205	127	143	116	123	118
April ..	115	117	120	136	143	203	123	126	117	110	115
May ..	115	120	120	133	153	205	126	128	116	117	113
June ..	113	121	118	132	144	208	122	138	115	112	113
July ..	101	116	85	123	152	214	128	94	70	102	104
August ..	106	119	116	105	119	216	123	127	104	98	118
September ..	115	124	122	128	154	224	139	138	113	116	126
October ..	119	126	123	133	162	222	147	r143	117	119	129
November ..	120	126	122	134	150	215	138	r148	116	123	129
December ..	113	120	117	131	152	226	135	r130	116	112	126
1953—								r			
January ..	110	118	115	130	150	210	138	130	111	118	127
February ..	111	123	120	131	143	218	127	159	113	122	131
March ..	113	126	124	131	160	247	144	152	116	124	133
April ..	116	120	121	131	156	248	140	131	119	118	131
May ..	116	130	122	133	161	249	136	133	115	123	131
June ..	114	131	122	132	157	252	145	147	117	118	131
July ..	105	126	85	118	172	250	142	99	60	110	124
August ..	113	127	121	93	136	251	142	138	109	106	131
September ..	117	131	130	124	167	259	153	150	115	125	130
October ..	117	130	128	128	180	r274	161	150	122	130	131
November ..	118	128	128	133	r173	271	r152	154	121	133	125
December ..	r116	r120	119	r137	r174	285	152	138	121	121	119
1954—											
January ..	115	117	115	r134	165	r286	146	144	116	r127	119
February ..				126	135	282	138	173	116	r121	
March ..										120	

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days
(c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction. (d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. (a)		
	Motor Cars.(b)	Commercial Vehicles, &c (b)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (b)	Commercial Vehicles, &c.(b)	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.			
						Monthly Averages.
1936-37	499	214	78	4,049	2,016	623
1937-38	535	242	80	4,594	2,283	694
1938-39(a)	562	258	79	4,509	2,077	614
1946-47	550	376	87	1,770	1,360	685
1947-48	593	414	100	3,562	2,397	1,192
1948-49	655	452	117	5,539	3,056	1,852
1949-50	768	502	134	9,584	4,829	2,232
1950-51	883	551	146	10,639	6,494	2,263
1951-52	1,032	583	155	10,443	6,122	1,846
1952-53	1,109	582	148	7,748	4,362	941
					Monthly Totals.	
1951-52—						
April	1,005	581	154	10,152	5,407	1,381
May	1,021	583	154	9,670	5,643	1,163
June	1,032	583	155	7,772	5,069	900
1952-53—						
July	1,044	582	154	7,634	4,737	941
August	1,043	574	152	6,598	4,014	918
September	1,052	571	151	7,174	4,080	970
October	1,061	569	151	9,047	4,464	1,114
November	1,069	570	151	8,794	4,353	984
December	1,085	575	152	9,314	4,619	1,147
January	1,083	570	150	5,943	3,110	936
February	1,085	572	150	7,317	4,005	910
March	1,093	575	150	8,352	4,641	996
April	1,100	577	150	7,496	4,592	867
May	1,105	579	149	7,902	4,867	809
June	1,109	582	148	7,407	4,861	697
1953-54—						
July	1,115	583	147	9,595	5,486	782
August	1,122	586	146	8,450	4,677	745
September	1,130	589	145	10,544	4,820	853
October	1,137	590	144	10,731	4,662	971
November	1,143	593	144	10,524	4,947	1,015
December	1,146	593	144	11,228	5,083	1,020
January	1,157	596	143	8,403	3,633	943
February	1,161	595	143	8,571	3,833	862
March	1,172	598	143	11,700	5,255	1,020
April				11,100	5,000	950

(c) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July 1953; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date, only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered.

For meaning of symbols r, p, —, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems, Tasmania, however, still being excluded in respect of particulars of freight.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Average Daily Passenger-journeys.	Monthly Revenue.	
	Net Ton-miles (Daily Average).	Average haul per ton.		Gross.	Net.
1936-37 ..	'000. 12,820	Miles. 125.9	'000. 1,028	£'000. 3,407	£'000. 886
1937-38 ..	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39 ..	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
	(a)	(a)			
1946-47 ..	17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
1947-48 ..	(b) 18,510	(b) 144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1948-49 ..	(b) 19,317	(b) 146.2	1,381	7,174	89
1949-50 ..	(b) 19,181	(b) 148.8	1,377	7,702	— 184
1950-51 ..	(b) 19,462	(b) 148.6	1,300	8,834	— 569
1951-52 ..	(b) 20,342	(b) 145.7	1,367	11,668	— 602
1952-53 ..	(b) 18,766	(b) 136.4	1,364	12,892	— 517
1952-53—	(b)	(b)			(c)
November ..	19,435	134.5	1,344	12,710	— 1,758
December ..	18,315	139.4	1,340	13,123	— 418
January ..	15,897	126.7	1,271	12,540	882
February ..	19,122	134.7	1,429	11,492	— 997
March ..	19,940	142.5	1,388	13,325	— 275
April ..	18,743	141.2	1,388	13,195	611
May ..	19,507	142.8	1,349	13,085	— 1,016
June ..	18,570	139.2	1,503	13,486	— 1,672
1953-54—					
July ..	20,453	131.2	1,334	14,062	669
August ..	20,331	138.4	1,422	13,947	561
September ..	19,908	132.2	1,376	14,387	1,363
October ..	19,977	138.3	1,327	14,685	1,025
November ..	20,708		1,455	14,194	313

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
1951-52 ..	67,308	24,375	22,407	9,418	9,216	132,724
1952-53 ..	73,932	31,666	24,835	11,616	7,934	149,983
July, 1952-March, 1953 ..	54,753	22,636	18,637	8,605	5,461	110,092
July, 1953-March, 1954 ..	54,265	26,227	21,307	9,514	8,117	119,430

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. Exclude Treasury transfers.

For meaning of symbols r, —, see page 1.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

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Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (a)
Monthly							
Average—							
1936-37 ..	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1946-47 ..	283	72	46	234	17	55	707
1947-48 ..	293	64	46	216	14	58	692
1948-49 ..	287	59	43	167	11	50	617
1949-50 ..	258	58	40	215	12	51	635
1950-51 ..	259	57	46	242	12	55	671
1951-52 ..	312	62	54	256	17	50	752
1952-53 ..	316	56	61	264	61	52	810
Monthly Total—							
1951-52—							
March ..	292	64	58	280	6	64	764
April ..	274	45	33	245	12	44	653
May ..	338	62	58	263	22	48	791
June ..	292	66	36	226	37	44	701
1952-53—							
July ..	378	55	94	287	26	65	905
August ..	369	63	83	335	16	57	924
September ..	347	58	63	266	34	55	823
October ..	419	57	59	303	49	58	945
November ..	339	54	89	244	56	51	834
December ..	281	52	51	235	75	33	729
January ..	242	44	40	275	64	44	709
February ..	287	55	59	245	85	43	775
March ..	327	46	57	268	70	54	822
April ..	259	56	44	242	78	53	732
May ..	293	65	48	255	86	56	803
June ..	249	60	46	209	87	55	708
1953-54—							
July ..	377	76	55	279	87	63	938
August ..	348	63	37	333	81	51	913
September ..	372	63	60	274	58	48	875
October ..	432	74	54	282	53	53	948
November ..	353	64	35	308	46	51	857
December ..	294	64	49	269	72	47	795
January ..	321	46	42	342	56	46	853
February ..	262	55	30	r283	59	r44	r733
March ..	375	65	37	272	68	65	886

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

Period.	Discharged.			Shipped.						
	Tons	Weight.	Tons	Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons	Weight.	Tons	Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	304		169		473	419		78		497
1937-38	364		190		554	478		91		569
1938-39	350		183		533	428		91		519
1946-47	348		116		464	259		112		371
1947-48	415		160		575	374		104		478
1948-49	488		214		702	452		114		566
1949-50	641		298		939	422		116		538
1950-51	757		333		1,090	450		108		558
1951-52	810		391		1,201	374		103		477
1952-53	644		161		805	504		121		625
Monthly Total—										
1951-52—										
February	741		446		1,187	376		76		452
March	823		436		1,259	386		134		520
April	783		407		1,190	399		126		525
May	816		255		1,071	345		130		475
June	744		196		940	322		139		461
1952-53—										
July	727		169		896	402		119		521
August	714		168		882	366		113		479
September	810		128		938	366		154		520
October	639		163		802	498		118		616
November	597		134		731	449		121		570
December	690		167		857	476		98		574
January	572		178		750	447		86		533
February	476		130		606	485		94		579
March	549		182		731	625		144		769
April	651		143		794	594		150		744
May	681		168		849	672		151		823
June	625		197		822	668		107		775
1953-54—										
July	621		194		815	683		116		799
August	699		248		947	472		110		582
September	652		207		859	498		91		589
October	748		198		946	559		107		666
November	716		258		974	509		87		596
December	611		213		824	440		98		538
January	735		264		999	364		61		425
February	617		187		804	391		87		478
March	804		285		1,089	537		175		712

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.				
1936-37	1,318	938	440
1937-38	1,396	1,056	465
1938-39	1,447	1,130	488
1946-47	2,484	1,771	648
1947-48	2,616	1,833	688
1948-49	2,776	1,919	734
1949-50	3,196	2,030	793
1950-51	3,732	(c)2,110	864
1951-52	4,948	1,961	927
1952-53	5,367	1,986	985
Monthly Totals.				
1951-52—				
March	4,940	1,985	914
April	4,834	1,981	918
May	5,798	1,973	923
June	5,657	1,961	927
1952-53—				
July	5,334	1,900	932
August	5,121	1,898	937
September	5,382	1,904	942
October	5,702	1,923	947
November	5,030	1,969	952
December	5,898	1,983	957
January	4,866	1,990	961
February	5,126	1,983	966
March	5,605	1,989	971
April	5,275	1,994	975
May	5,384	1,987	980
June	5,675	1,986	985
1953-54—				
July	5,438	1,988	991
August	5,116	1,991	996
September	5,613	1,987	1,003
October	5,837	1,986	1,008
November	5,487	1,968	1,014
December	6,409	1,968	1,020
January	5,130	1,968	1,025
February	5,049	1,972	1,029
March	6,247	2,011	1,034
April	5,587	2,030	1,039

(a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.				Month.	Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.(a)					Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
Year.	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.		12½%	16⅔%	20%	33⅓%	50%	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
1936-37	15.4	21.8	37.2	1952-53—	38.5	..	12.2	2.4	0.7	53.8	108.9	162.7
1937-38	16.9	23.6	40.5	Dec. ..	27.6	..	7.6	1.4	0.4	37.0	96.2	133.2
1938-39	16.4	23.4	39.8	Jan. ..	33.9	..	10.6	1.7	0.5	46.7	107.2	153.9
1946-47	24.6	42.2	66.8	Mar. ..	36.5	..	11.4	2.0	0.6	50.5	120.7	171.2
1947-48	26.2	53.3	79.5	Apr. ..	35.3	..	10.7	1.9	0.6	48.5	115.9	164.4
1948-49	30.3	63.1	93.4	May ..	35.4	..	10.9	1.8	0.6	48.7	121.7	170.4
1949-50	38.0	72.2	110.2	June ..	33.6	..	10.6	1.5	0.5	46.2	125.2	171.4
1950-51	45.6	94.9	140.5	1953-54—	35.7	..	11.9	1.5	0.5	49.6	119.7	169.3
1951-52	52.0	110.1	162.1	July ..	33.1	..	9.5	1.2	0.3	44.1	117.5	161.6
1952-53	46.3	111.8	158.1	Sept. ..	40.7	16.5	2.9	0.3	0.1	60.5	128.5	189.0
				Oct. ..	43.5	19.2	..	..	..	62.7	125.8	188.5
				Nov.r..	44.1	20.2	..	..	..	64.3	130.8	195.1
				Dec.(b)r	49.1	19.9	..	..	..	69.0	123.4	192.4
				Jan.(b)	33.9	12.5	..	..	..	46.4	98.6	145.0

(a) On 10th September, 1953, the special rates of 20, 33½ and 50 per cent. were discontinued and the special rate of 16⅔ per cent. was imposed.
 (b) Preliminary and partly estimated.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following table relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods at retail but do not retail goods themselves. The statistics do not include hire purchase agreements directly made between retailer and customer, whether subsequently assigned to finance companies or not.

Quarter ended—	New Agreements Made during Quarter.								Balances Outstanding at end of quarter on all Agreements in force.(c)	
	Motor Vehicles and Business Equipment.			Household and Personal Goods.			Total.			
	No.	Total Value of Goods. (a)	Amount Financed. (b)	No.	Total Value of Goods. (a)	Amount Financed. (b)	No.	Total Value of Goods. (a)	Amount Financed. (b)	
1953—		£'000.	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
31st Mar. ..	40,956	26,925	14,963	101,516	7,474	5,591	142,472	34,399	20,554	82,826
30th June ..	40,890	29,078	15,628	92,747	5,998	4,579	133,637	35,076	20,207	84,815
30th Sept. ..	47,722	34,082	18,132	108,865	7,505	5,809	156,587	41,587	23,941	91,435
31st Dec. ..	56,243	39,160	21,075	137,396	10,985	8,568	193,639	50,145	29,643	104,906

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).
 (c) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a) : STATES.

The figures below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The figures subsequent to 1948-49 may be revised when the results of the 1952-53 Census of Retail Establishments are available. (£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total (b)
Quarterly Average—							
1947-48 ..	96.3	67.6	32.6	20.1	16.3	7.5	240.4
1948-49 ..	114.6	80.0	38.6	24.5	19.8	8.8	286.3
1949-50 ..	133.3	96.9	45.8	30.3	24.2	10.3	340.8
1950-51 ..	167.2	118.8	56.5	37.2	29.7	12.9	422.3
1951-52 ..	188.7	135.2	64.0	43.8	35.3	15.5	482.5
1952-53 ..	190.3	136.3	67.1	44.2	36.6	16.0	490.5
Quarterly Total—							
1951-52—							
March Qtr.	180.7	132.9	61.4	44.0	35.3	15.4	469.7
June ..	185.3	133.9	62.8	44.3	36.3	15.5	478.1
1952-53—							
September ..	179.5	127.7	62.6	41.9	34.3	14.9	460.0
December ..	209.6	148.8	72.6	47.1	39.4	17.7	535.2
March ..	180.1	130.3	64.0	42.8	35.5	15.1	467.8
June ..	192.1	138.6	69.2	45.8	37.0	16.4	499.1
1953-54—							
September ..	193.9	138.1	70.0	45.6	37.9	16.8	502.3
December ..	226.5	162.1	79.9	53.2	43.6	19.2	584.5
March r ..	194.5	139.7	67.9	45.3	37.7	16.1	501.2

(a) Includes retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS. (£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery and Footwear.	Hardware.	Electrical Goods.	Furniture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, &c.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.	Total.
Quarterly Average—												
1947-48 ..	31.9		39.4	(c)	49.8	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	211.0	29.4	240.4
1948-49 ..	35.9	16.3	29.1	23.8	59.5	18.1	8.5	11.6	42.0	244.8	41.5	286.3
1949-50 ..	40.1	18.6	32.9	26.1	65.4	20.8	10.2	13.4	49.5	277.0	63.8	340.8
1950-51 ..	46.2	22.3	38.9	30.4	80.7	27.5	14.6	18.6	59.4	338.6	83.7	422.3
1951-52 ..	57.4	28.3	47.1	37.7	85.7	32.0	16.5	18.1	70.3	393.1	89.4	482.5
1952-53 ..	64.4	30.0	51.9	42.3	85.7	32.1	15.5	17.1	70.2	409.2	81.3	490.5
Quarterly Total—												
1951-52—												
Mar. Qtr. ..	57.2	28.7	48.7	40.3	75.8	30.8	15.3	16.4	67.5	380.7	89.0	469.7
June ..	60.9	29.6	47.5	37.8	89.8	31.2	13.9	16.6	67.5	394.8	83.3	478.1
1952-53—												
Sept. ..	61.9	30.1	48.7	37.9	78.0	30.2	13.9	16.4	67.1	384.2	75.8	460.0
Dec. ..	67.9	30.2	54.4	46.5	97.5	35.2	18.5	18.6	79.7	448.5	86.7	535.2
Mar. ..	62.3	29.2	52.1	43.8	73.9	30.4	14.9	16.2	66.5	389.3	78.5	467.8
June ..	65.3	30.6	52.5	40.9	94.0	32.7	14.5	17.0	67.5	415.0	84.1	499.1
1953-54—												
Sept. ..	66.6	31.3	53.0	40.9	84.8	33.3	16.2	18.3	69.8	414.2	88.1	502.3
Dec. ..	71.4	31.3	58.2	50.6	107.5	39.1	22.7	21.1	84.9	486.8	97.7	584.5
Mar. r ..	64.1	30.1	55.5	47.0	79.6	32.1	17.7	16.8	68.7	411.6	89.6	501.2

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(c) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48 not collected.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period	Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank	Treasury Bills.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37..	..	184.7	112.9	297.6	262.5	15.0	..	34.2
1937-38..	..	194.8	120.0	314.8	274.4	21.4	..	37.1
1938-39..	..	198.8	118.9	317.7	288.1	20.5	..	33.6
1946-47..	..	206.9	429.7	636.6	(d) 261.1	95.0	265.0	37.9
1947-48..	..	201.9	471.6	673.5	329.9	65.6	262.3	44.4
1948-49..	..	211.3	565.1	776.4	368.6	61.5	322.7	48.0
1949-50..	..	224.5	685.6	910.1	403.9	83.8	377.0	52.0
1950-51..	..	247.7	896.5	1,144.2	479.3	90.2	500.3	59.3
1951-52..	..	238.2	963.5	1,201.7	621.4	68.4	466.0	60.6
1952-53..	..	218.7	943.7	1,162.4	638.1	86.5	211.7	74.7
1951-52—								123.1
April	232.2	1,014.4	1,246.6	667.9	64.1	427.5	64.2
May	224.8	957.2	1,182.0	675.6	62.5	398.9	53.7
June	220.5	902.4	1,122.9	691.2	62.6	303.3	61.2
1952-53—								
July	215.1	857.0	1,072.1	699.3	65.3	215.5	65.2
August	214.8	844.7	1,059.5	690.4	65.5	190.5	68.4
September	214.7	839.4	1,054.1	682.0	65.6	185.7	66.7
October	213.8	863.9	1,077.7	673.4	66.3	163.8	69.0
November	215.5	898.8	1,114.3	655.7	70.5	156.5	76.5
December (e)	217.1	930.3	1,147.4	637.7	79.3	156.5	78.6
January	218.7	952.9	1,171.6	616.0	91.3	167.5	91.9
February	219.0	999.9	1,218.9	604.1	96.5	193.6	89.3
March	221.1	1,051.5	1,272.6	593.9	101.1	228.6	81.7
April	224.0	1,059.5	1,283.5	592.5	110.1	276.1	71.7
May	222.7	1,029.5	1,252.2	597.6	115.5	300.8	65.5
June	228.9	1,010.1	1,239.0	601.8	115.7	300.8	76.6
1953-54—								
July	225.6	978.4	1,204.0	616.9	115.6	296.5	66.1
August	225.1	956.2	1,181.3	619.9	119.5	282.0	67.1
September	227.8	963.9	1,191.7	630.8	122.9	261.1	73.3
October	230.4	979.6	1,210.0	654.6	124.6	250.7	63.3
November	245.9	1,005.0	1,250.9	664.1	126.1	250.5	69.0
December (e)	246.0	1,044.0	1,290.0	665.0	130.2	250.5	83.0
January	244.5	1,059.3	1,303.8	654.1	135.0	257.2	87.6
February	245.9	1,091.2	1,337.1	656.0	138.5	282.4	75.0
March	244.3	1,118.7	1,363.0	664.3	141.9	315.4	66.8
April	245.3	1,109.6	1,354.9	684.7	142.0	332.6	63.3
								91.6

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced by amalgamations to seven, namely Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS (a)—continued.

RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936-37	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26	.. 37.93
1937-38	11.79	18.37	87.15	93.95	.. 38.13
1938-39	10.58	17.36	90.70	97.15	.. 37.42
1946-47	5.96	10.02	(d) 41.02	(d) 55.95	41.63 67.51
1947-48	6.59	9.28	48.98	58.72	38.94 70.02
1948-49	6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56 72.79
1949-50	5.71	8.62	44.35	53.55	41.40 75.28
1950-51	5.19	8.41	41.89	49.69	43.73 78.35
1951-52	5.04	7.74	51.71	57.40	38.78 80.18
1952-53	6.43	17.02	54.89	62.33	18.21 81.19
1951-52—						
April	5.15	8.33	53.58	58.72	34.29 81.37
May..	4.54	7.80	57.16	62.45	33.75 80.98
June..	5.45	8.63	61.56	67.14	27.01 80.36
1952-53—						
July	6.08	10.40	65.23	71.32	20.10 79.94
August	6.46	12.08	65.16	71.34	17.98 79.73
September	6.33	12.90	64.70	70.91	17.62 79.63
October	6.40	15.41	62.49	68.64	15.20 80.16
November	6.87	17.72	58.84	65.16	14.05 80.66
December(e)	6.86	18.78	55.58	62.49	13.64 81.08
January	7.84	21.31	52.58	60.37	14.30 81.34
February	7.32	22.77	49.56	57.48	15.88 82.03
March	6.42	23.00	46.67	54.62	17.97 82.63
April	5.58	19.08	46.16	54.74	21.51 82.55
May..	5.23	15.53	47.72	56.94	24.02 82.21
June..	6.19	14.30	48.57	57.91	24.27 81.53
1953-54—						
July	5.49	12.61	51.23	60.83	24.62 81.26
August	5.68	12.95	52.48	62.60	23.87 80.94
September	6.15	14.34	52.93	63.24	21.91 80.89
October	5.23	13.17	54.10	64.39	20.71 80.95
November	5.52	13.58	53.08	63.16	20.02 80.34
December (e)	6.44	14.60	51.55	61.65	19.41 80.93
January	6.72	16.66	50.17	60.53	19.73 81.25
February	5.61	16.65	49.06	59.41	21.12 81.61
March	4.90	14.66	48.74	59.15	23.14 82.07
April	4.67	11.43	50.53	61.01	24.54 81.90

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols ... —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),
and
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS).
 (£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)(b)							Commonwealth Bank—Advances.(b)				
	Deposits.			Ad-vances.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (c)	Coin Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.								Hire Purchase.	Other.
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1946-47 ..	17.6	40.7	58.3	20.4	..	6.6	1.9	34.3	0.8	2.6	0.6	1.3
1947-48 ..	13.9	43.7	57.6	23.4	..	6.6	..	32.1	0.8	3.1	2.5	3.5
1948-49 ..	13.2	51.1	64.3	31.8	..	6.1	..	34.1	1.8	3.2	7.6	4.8
1949-50 ..	14.8	62.5	77.3	45.3	..	6.2	2.0	35.4	13.8	3.5	12.8	6.3
1950-51 ..	19.4	89.2	108.6	62.5	..	7.2	24.0	26.9	13.7	3.8	14.7	7.6
1951-52 ..	20.1	90.6	110.7	76.4	..	6.6	26.4	13.3	19.7	4.1	15.5	8.7
1952-53 ..	22.8	96.7	119.5	(d)59.5	21.7	8.8	(c)17.2	(d)25.8	44.9	4.3	14.8	8.1
1951-52—												
April ..	19.9	93.3	113.2	(d)77.9	..	7.2	22.4	(d)17.9	52.5	4.4	14.8	9.3
May ..	19.3	90.2	109.5	73.9	..	5.8	21.0	21.2	44.5	4.3	14.4	9.3
June ..	19.8	89.3	109.1	71.2	..	7.1	23.0	22.1	39.5	4.2	14.2	9.4
1952-53—												
July ..	19.5	85.7	105.2	62.5	21.2	6.8	(c)3.8	22.5	27.4	4.3	14.0	9.1
August ..	19.0	85.9	104.9	62.2	19.9	6.7	4.6	24.4	26.4	4.3	13.9	8.9
September ..	19.5	85.3	104.8	58.8	19.3	7.6	5.6	27.5	23.7	4.3	13.8	8.7
October ..	20.5	88.8	109.3	57.4	16.4	7.7	6.6	33.6	17.1	4.3	13.8	8.5
November ..	23.0	93.6	116.6	59.1	15.8	7.8	9.1	36.9	13.3	4.3	14.2	8.4
December ^e	23.3	97.4	120.7	59.5	15.8	7.7	12.1	38.4	11.2	4.2	15.1	8.2
January ..	24.0	93.5	117.5	62.8	16.6	7.0	14.6	33.5	27.3	4.2	15.2	8.1
February ..	24.5	100.0	124.5	61.6	19.3	12.0	20.6	25.8	66.5	4.2	15.3	8.1
March ..	24.9	107.0	131.9	58.1	23.3	11.6	32.7	21.6	95.7	4.3	15.4	8.4
April ..	25.1	107.8	132.9	55.6	28.7	8.7	35.6	16.8	89.6	4.3	15.7	7.9
May ..	25.3	107.3	132.6	57.3	32.3	10.2	32.0	15.2	77.6	4.3	15.9	6.6
June ..	26.0	109.7	135.7	59.7	32.3	11.9	31.3	15.2	62.6	4.2	16.1	6.3
1953-54—												
July ..	27.2	110.6	137.8	62.4	32.3	9.7	31.7	15.2	47.9	4.3	16.3	5.0
August ..	29.6	110.7	140.3	63.4	32.3	11.5	31.6	15.5	36.8	4.4	16.4	4.9
September ..	34.4	115.4	149.8	63.6	32.3	11.6	32.5	24.1	30.9	4.4	16.4	4.7
October ..	36.0	120.2	156.2	66.4	32.3	11.4	29.6	28.1	24.6	4.5	16.6	4.3
November ..	36.8	124.2	161.0	68.4	32.3	11.3	27.7	33.2	19.8	4.5	16.8	4.2
December ^e	35.6	123.8	159.4	70.4	32.3	10.6	22.6	35.1	10.7	4.5	17.1	4.6
January ..	36.8	118.3	155.1	71.6	32.8	10.5	19.6	35.1	25.4	4.6	16.9	4.6
February ..	36.9	121.6	158.5	71.6	34.5	10.5	20.9	35.1	48.0	4.6	16.6	4.6
March ..	37.9	125.3	163.2	71.9	38.3	9.8	18.3	35.1	70.4	4.7	16.4	4.8
April ..	37.9	127.7	165.6	72.1	40.3	9.9	17.9	35.1	74.0	4.7	16.6	4.8

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (c) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills. (d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to buildings societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (e) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).	
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1946-47..	..	18.7	180.7	199.4	267.0	24.1	122.1	217.6	392.2
1947-48..	..	22.2	175.9	198.1	263.7	28.0	142.0	196.7	419.9
1948-49..	..	24.9	178.7	203.6	323.9	29.8	174.6	336.2	356.3
1949-50..	..	27.9	194.3	222.2	379.6	30.7	200.3	434.0	349.0
1950-51..	..	32.7	219.1	251.8	503.2	34.7	238.2	596.3	366.6
1951-52..	..	38.1	255.5	293.6	468.8	31.1	270.9	470.6	503.1
1952-53..	..	36.9	281.3	318.2	212.9	45.4	287.4	363.6	434.8
1951-52—									
May	38.1	262.9	301.0	401.8	22.3	256.0	311.0	541.3
June	37.5	264.5	302.0	305.0	30.1	260.2	303.2	488.8
1952-53—									
July	36.3	266.1	302.4	216.9	34.9	266.9	288.5	460.9
August	36.3	269.5	305.8	191.8	38.2	267.5	291.0	457.3
September	36.0	273.0	309.0	187.0	36.3	278.5	301.3	463.8
October	35.8	276.5	312.3	164.9	38.9	278.5	299.5	455.1
November	35.9	279.4	315.3	157.6	46.9	277.8	320.9	444.2
December (b)	40.5	287.9	328.4	157.6	44.9	279.2	338.6	439.1
January	40.8	283.1	323.9	168.6	59.1	280.3	366.6	418.9
February	36.3	283.0	319.3	194.7	62.0	288.0	393.2	388.6
March	35.8	286.2	322.0	229.7	56.5	293.3	412.0	377.9
April	37.0	292.0	329.0	277.1	44.5	305.3	433.0	420.1
May	36.1	289.8	325.9	301.9	38.7	313.4	455.9	435.0
June	36.1	291.9	328.0	301.9	49.0	322.6	479.9	448.4
1953-54—									
July	35.7	293.5	329.2	297.6	39.8	319.1	489.5	439.4
August	36.0	295.9	331.9	282.7	40.2	304.1	495.5	420.7
September	36.5	296.0	332.5	262.2	42.3	306.0	490.7	409.8
October	37.3	295.8	333.1	251.7	30.9	295.1	486.1	393.8
November	37.7	296.7	334.4	251.5	36.0	315.2	490.4	419.3
December (b)	43.2	303.7	346.9	(c)275.7	49.0	287.8	511.8	432.0
January	42.5	297.8	340.3	291.0	55.5	264.5	520.2	403.3
February	38.5	298.9	337.4	317.9	46.1	262.5	530.1	382.2
March	38.5	301.2	339.7	354.9	37.8	258.4	539.6	375.1
April	39.4	307.3	346.7	373.9	33.5	253.9	539.0	389.4
May			344.0	358.9	47.0	263.1	540.0	404.3

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period.

(b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available. (c) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities".

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Average of Weekly Figures—							
1946-47 ..	229.5	480.5	710.0	304.4	47.0	28.5	137.8
1947-48 (c) ..	221.2	527.8	749.0	384.7	54.2	19.2	108.3
1948-49 ..	231.8	634.6	866.4	440.2	58.3	24.0	109.3
1949-50 ..	249.3	771.2	1,020.5	495.4	62.2	29.5	132.3
1950-51 ..	279.6	1,017.6	1,297.2	598.4	71.4	64.0	129.5
1951-52 ..	271.7	1,091.5	1,363.2	759.7	72.3	61.7	96.6
1952-53 ..	256.8	1,076.3	1,333.1	(d)762.3	(e)88.2	(e)144.2	(d)126.2
1951-52—							
April ..	268.8	1,147.8	1,416.6	(d)810.4	77.1	67.7	(d)96.7
May ..	260.2	1,084.5	1,344.7	814.6	64.1	62.3	98.4
June ..	255.9	1,026.3	1,282.2	827.9	72.0	59.4	99.4
1952-53—							
July ..	249.5	975.2	1,224.7	827.7	(e)75.1	(e)50.5	102.4
August ..	249.4	962.4	1,211.8	817.6	78.2	64.3	104.6
September ..	250.3	955.1	1,205.4	806.1	77.0	75.1	107.8
October ..	250.9	983.0	1,233.9	797.1	79.6	104.0	114.4
November ..	253.7	1,024.6	1,278.3	781.3	87.6	130.3	121.0
December (f) ..	255.2	1,060.9	1,316.1	763.5	89.6	149.6	131.0
January ..	257.5	1,083.3	1,340.8	742.9	104.1	175.5	138.1
February ..	258.4	1,141.0	1,399.4	729.3	107.2	216.4	135.8
March ..	261.3	1,201.2	1,462.5	715.9	100.6	253.1	136.1
April ..	264.2	1,209.0	1,473.2	711.3	87.5	218.2	140.4
May ..	263.0	1,176.5	1,439.5	718.0	81.9	169.7	144.2
June ..	269.7	1,158.3	1,428.0	724.8	94.3	138.7	144.6
1953-54—							
July ..	267.7	1,125.7	1,393.4	743.2	81.6	122.0	144.4
August ..	269.5	1,102.2	1,371.7	747.1	83.8	121.7	148.6
September ..	277.0	1,114.1	1,391.1	759.5	89.3	134.1	160.8
October ..	281.0	1,134.0	1,415.0	787.7	78.8	129.1	166.8
November ..	297.3	1,164.5	1,461.8	799.8	84.9	132.4	173.3
December (f) ..	296.6	1,205.4	1,502.0	802.2	98.8	132.5	179.4
January ..	296.6	1,218.4	1,515.0	791.5	103.9	156.9	184.2
February ..	298.4	1,255.7	1,554.1	793.5	91.2	179.0	187.8
March ..	298.3	1,288.1	1,586.4	802.5	82.2	163.6	191.5
April ..	299.2	1,281.0	1,580.2	823.2	77.9	121.4	191.8

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 48. (c) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales replaced the Rural Bank Department of that Bank. (d) See note (d), page 48. (e) See note (c), page 48. (f) See note (e), page 46.

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ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1946-47..	58.1	52.9	16.8	10.5	(b)7.1	3.4	0.1	(b)148.9
1947-48 (c)	(d)69.4	61.2	19.9	12.7	8.7	3.9	0.1	(d)175.9
1948-49..	83.1	74.3	24.3	15.5	10.7	4.7	0.2	212.8
1949-50..	104.9	97.8	29.5	19.3	13.7	5.6	0.3	271.1
1950-51..	145.1	134.9	39.0	26.8	19.3	7.4	0.4	372.9
1951-52..	156.6	142.3	41.5	30.8	21.8	8.9	0.5	402.4
1952-53..	151.9	132.0	43.8	30.1	22.1	8.8	0.6	389.3
1951-52—								
April ..	153.3	142.7	40.5	32.2	22.5	9.5	0.5	401.2
May ..	155.9	141.7	40.9	32.1	22.6	9.5	0.5	403.2
June ..	158.4	135.4	44.6	30.7	20.5	9.6	0.5	399.7
1952-53—								
July ..	149.0	129.2	44.4	31.1	20.5	9.4	0.6	384.2
August ..	130.1	116.5	38.5	26.3	19.3	8.1	0.5	339.3
September ..	143.0	116.3	41.1	26.2	17.9	8.2	0.5	353.2
October ..	152.7	122.1	43.9	28.0	21.2	8.1	0.5	376.5
November ..	159.8	136.2	45.1	29.1	23.0	8.0	0.5	401.7
December ..	173.8	146.4	47.8	30.5	24.0	9.7	0.6	432.8
January ..	124.6	118.4	36.3	25.9	24.3	6.6	0.7	336.8
February ..	156.1	137.0	41.8	34.0	24.9	8.6	0.5	402.9
March ..	162.4	141.0	45.5	32.3	23.2	9.8	0.5	414.7
April ..	149.6	142.6	44.7	32.2	22.7	9.5	0.8	402.1
May ..	157.4	139.2	44.5	33.3	23.1	10.3	0.6	408.4
June ..	160.3	136.3	50.8	31.4	20.8	9.6	0.6	409.8
1953-54—								
July ..	163.6	138.0	52.5	31.5	22.9	9.7	0.6	418.8
August ..	145.6	124.7	46.0	27.1	20.4	8.7	0.5	373.0
September ..	167.7	131.2	50.7	30.5	23.3	9.3	1.1	413.8
October ..	168.3	140.6	51.5	31.0	24.1	9.1	0.9	425.5
November ..	173.0	146.9	52.0	31.0	25.8	9.2	0.7	438.6
December ..	187.1	174.6	55.7	35.4	29.8	10.4	0.7	493.7
January ..	151.9	146.3	43.4	28.5	25.9	8.1	1.0	405.1
February ..	164.8	156.5	47.8	34.4	25.6	9.0	0.6	438.7
March ..	184.7	180.4	48.4	36.3	26.8	12.0	0.7	489.3
April ..	166.2	165.1	47.8	33.6	25.8	10.3	1.0	449.8

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition the banks included in series on page 50, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (c) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948. (d) See note (c) on previous page.

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SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.									War Savings and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.	
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9	..
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4	..
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6	..
1946-47 ..	231.4	216.1	85.6	67.9	36.6	20.9	0.5	1.0	660.0	59.5
1947-48 ..	237.0	226.4	84.8	73.6	36.2	21.6	0.6	1.1	681.3	64.5
1948-49 ..	244.5	239.3	87.4	81.2	37.5	22.4	0.7	1.2	714.2	62.2
1949-50 ..	258.9	257.1	92.2	87.7	39.6	24.3	0.9	1.4	762.1	55.0
1950-51 ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	837.4	48.1
1951-52 ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	891.9	41.8
1952-53 ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	947.5	35.6
1951-52—										
April ..	299.3	295.5	100.8	102.4	46.5	29.6	1.0	1.8	876.9	42.8
May ..	299.0	295.7	100.7	101.5	46.2	29.7	1.0	1.8	875.6	42.3
June ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	(a) 891.9	41.8
1952-53—										
July ..	307.1	303.5	103.5	105.0	47.7	30.3	1.1	1.9	900.1	41.3
August ..	308.5	305.1	104.1	105.7	48.0	30.6	1.1	1.9	905.0	40.7
September	310.0	306.8	105.0	106.0	48.4	30.7	1.1	2.0	910.0	40.1
October	312.8	308.9	106.5	107.1	48.7	30.9	1.1	2.0	918.0	39.5
November	312.2	308.9	106.4	107.1	48.9	30.9	1.1	2.0	917.5	38.9
December	312.3	309.4	106.9	107.2	48.6	30.9	1.1	2.0	918.4	38.4
January	311.9	309.8	106.1	107.7	48.5	31.0	1.1	2.0	918.1	37.9
February	312.7	311.0	106.1	109.1	48.4	31.3	1.1	2.0	921.7	37.4
March ..	313.8	311.6	106.4	110.1	48.6	31.3	1.1	2.1	925.0	37.0
April ..	313.3	311.8	106.5	110.4	48.6	31.5	1.1	2.1	925.3	36.5
May ..	312.7	312.8	106.7	110.8	48.6	31.6	1.1	2.1	926.4	36.1
June ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	(a) 947.5	35.6
1953-54—										
July ..	320.4	321.5	110.3	115.0	50.0	32.3	1.2	2.2	952.9	35.1
August ..	322.6	322.9	111.7	115.6	50.4	32.8	1.2	2.3	959.5	34.5
September	325.2	324.9	112.8	116.3	51.0	33.1	1.2	2.3	966.8	34.0
October	325.8	325.5	113.0	116.7	51.1	32.9	1.3	2.3	968.6	33.6
November	326.2	325.9	113.4	117.2	51.3	33.0	1.3	2.3	970.6	33.0
December	327.7	327.0	114.0	117.3	51.4	32.8	1.2	2.3	973.7	32.6
January	329.4	327.8	113.7	117.9	51.3	32.9	1.2	2.3	976.5	32.1
February	332.4	329.4	114.4	119.1	51.4	33.3	1.2	2.3	983.5	31.7
March ..	331.3	329.0	114.3	119.1	51.1	33.3	1.2	2.3	981.6	31.3
April ..	332.3	330.0	114.3	119.4	51.3	33.4	1.2	2.3	984.2	30.9

(a) Interest added 1951-52, £14.1m.; 1952-53, £16.6m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

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LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, &c., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Average—									
1937 ..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938 ..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939 ..	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1947(a) ..	19,808	9,549	26,271	2,316	2,113	889	1,052	456	n.a.
1947-48 (a) ..	20,171	10,077	26,915	2,492	2,258	910	1,044	471	1,057
1948-49 ..	20,201	10,618	25,254	2,458	2,539	967	1,112	497	1,476
1949-50 ..	20,538	12,243	24,999	2,509	2,877	1,003	1,224	512	2,778
1950-51 ..	21,642	15,206	22,713	2,423	3,210	1,043	1,310	491	3,893
1951-52 ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53 ..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
Monthly Total—									
1951-52—									
March ..	23,337	16,515	30,099	3,754	3,612	1,150	1,489	583	3,103
April ..	20,371	16,980	20,496	2,519	3,566	1,040	1,441	500	3,146
May ..	25,022	19,926	25,619	3,209	3,876	1,155	1,518	622	4,066
June ..	24,842	19,567	27,118	3,389	4,643	1,140	1,525	616	3,233
1952-53—									
July ..	24,927	20,402	23,088	2,887	4,491	1,163	1,708	644	3,411
August ..	27,852	19,677	22,094	2,777	3,841	1,088	1,617	665	2,749
September ..	30,549	22,831	32,793	4,234	4,407	1,271	1,747	635	2,642
October ..	22,619	18,636	22,667	2,887	4,109	1,180	1,690	642	2,854
November ..	24,219	19,095	22,903	2,994	3,683	1,186	1,486	616	3,421
December ..	26,309	25,369	18,857	2,538	4,667	1,247	1,591	595	4,119
January ..	14,661	10,942	8,151	1,023	3,661	806	1,164	466	2,252
February ..	17,487	13,800	21,985	2,767	3,472	1,117	1,398	593	2,355
March ..	22,475	17,309	28,501	3,710	4,139	1,256	1,685	665	2,460
April ..	22,292	17,334	22,457	2,949	4,220	1,133	1,566	565	3,591
May ..	24,658	19,407	25,189	3,256	4,000	1,097	1,528	649	2,823
June ..	25,670	21,142	25,547	3,325	5,547	1,217	1,731	691	3,459
1953-54—									
July ..	28,463	25,048	21,041	2,735	5,072	1,231	1,960	734	3,195
August ..	25,421	20,410	24,732	3,370	4,259	1,215	1,763	706	2,784
September ..	30,989	25,884	26,340	3,597	4,688	1,167	1,870	671	3,286
October ..	22,489	18,688	19,267	2,588	4,255	1,215	1,765	702	2,821
November ..	23,518	19,026	22,702	3,030	4,263	1,208	1,610	671	2,190
December ..	29,903	35,870	13,792	1,932	5,428	1,344	1,948	614	3,091
January ..	13,744	10,979	6,904	896	3,771	640	1,327	501	2,017
February ..	16,271	14,251	17,919	2,412	3,812	1,282	1,493	611	1,880
March ..	21,846	18,950	24,477	3,386	4,926	1,274	2,012	735	3,535

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.

(b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates.(a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales—Urban Securities.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York. (c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent. (e)
1936-37 ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	5.3
1937-38 ..	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	5.4
1938-39 ..	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	5.5
1946-47 ..	125.25	4.030	3.199	10.763	8.613	1.93	3.21	4.5
1947-48 ..	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613	2.34	3.16	4.4
1948-49 ..	125.25	4.030	3.204	10.763	8.613	2.07	3.12	4.4
1949-50 ..	125.25	3.074	2.445	14.443	11.557	1.95	3.13	4.4
1950-51 ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951-52 ..	125.25	2.796	2.224	15.492	12.400	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.54	4.7
1951-52—								
May ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400	2.13	4.43	4.4
June ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.492	12.400	2.21	4.62	4.4
1952-53—								
July ..	125.25	2.788	2.218	15.492	12.400	2.40	4.51	4.5
August ..	125.25	2.789	2.218	15.492	12.400	2.58	4.49	4.5
September ..	125.25	2.783	2.214	15.492	12.400	2.94	4.61	4.5
October ..	125.25	2.793	2.222	15.492	12.400	3.05	4.68	4.6
November ..	125.25	2.801	2.229	15.492	12.400	3.15	4.62	4.7
December ..	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.492	12.400	3.23	4.53	4.7
January ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.492	12.400	3.15	4.46	4.8
February ..	125.25	2.819	2.243	15.492	12.400	3.16	4.53	4.8
March ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.492	12.400	3.20	4.57	4.8
April ..	125.25	2.817	2.241	15.492	12.400	3.17	4.51	4.8
May ..	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.492	12.400	3.17	4.54	4.9
June ..	125.25	2.814	2.239	15.492	12.400	3.16	4.48	4.9
1953-54—								
July ..	125.25	2.816	2.240	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.47	4.9
August ..	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.492	12.400	2.95	4.47	4.9
September ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.492	12.400	2.96	4.42	4.9
October ..	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.492	12.400	2.99	4.43	4.9
November ..	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.492	12.400	2.97	4.42	4.9
December ..	125.25	2.811	2.236	15.492	12.400	2.98	4.43	4.9
January ..	125.25	2.812	2.237	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.40	4.9
February ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.492	12.400	3.08	4.40	4.9
March ..	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.492	12.407	3.17	4.47	4.9
April ..	125.25	2.818	2.243	15.492	12.437	3.24	4.46	5.0
May ..	125.25	2.819	2.243	15.625	12.445	3.34	4.47	

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—					Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate).	Commonwealth Loans (Long Term).	
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts.				
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.			
1936—24th March ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25		2.00	1.75	3.75
1937—27th April ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25		2.00	1.75	3.88
30th November ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25		2.00	1.75	3.75
1938—9th November ..	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25		2.00	1.75	3.88
1940—24th January ..	1.75	2.25	2.50	2.75	4.25		2.00	1.75	3.88
1st March ..	1.75	2.25	2.50	2.75	4.25		2.00	1.75	3.63
28th May ..	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50	(c)4.25		2.00	1.50	3.25
1941—22nd Sept. ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25		2.00	1.50	3.25
1942—14th March ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.50	3.25
1943—1st May ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.25
1944—17th January ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.25
11th August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.25
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.25
1st December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.25
1946—20th November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.13
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.13
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.13
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.75
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.75
25th November ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.50

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent.

(c) Since July, 1940, rate for Municipal and Semi-Government Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower.

(d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

(e) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.	States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.	States.	Total.
30th June—				30th Nov. ..	238,280	8,378	246,658
1937 ..	..	46,408	46,408	31st Dec. ..	263,280	8,378	271,658
1938 ..	..	46,598	46,598	1953—			
1939 ..	..	50,228	50,228	31st Jan. ..	268,280	8,078	276,358
1947 ..	278,280	..	278,280	28th Feb. ..	285,000	8,078	293,078
1948 ..	208,280	..	208,280	31st March ..	305,000	8,078	313,078
1949 ..	123,280	..	123,280	30th April ..	280,000	6,973	286,973
1950 ..	108,280	..	108,280	31st May ..	230,000	6,041	236,041
1951 ..	108,280	2,400	110,680	30th June ..	225,000	..	225,000
1952 ..	153,280	..	153,280	31st July ..	205,000	1,000	206,000
1953 ..	225,000	..	225,000	31st Aug. ..	195,000	1,000	196,000
				30th Sept. ..	205,000	1,000	206,000
				31st Oct. ..	190,000	1,000	191,000
				30th Nov. ..	235,000	1,000	236,000
				31st Dec. ..	245,000	1,000	246,000
1952—				1954—			
30th April ..	243,280	6,000	249,280	31st Jan. ..	245,000	1,000	246,000
31st May ..	193,280	6,000	199,280	28th Feb. ..	250,000	1,000	251,000
30th June ..	153,280	..	153,280	31st March ..	205,000	1,000	206,000
31st July ..	128,280	1,190	129,470	30th April ..	185,000	..	185,000
31st Aug. ..	153,280	4,122	157,402				
30th Sept. ..	178,280	5,163	183,443				
31st Oct. ..	213,280	8,378	221,658				

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

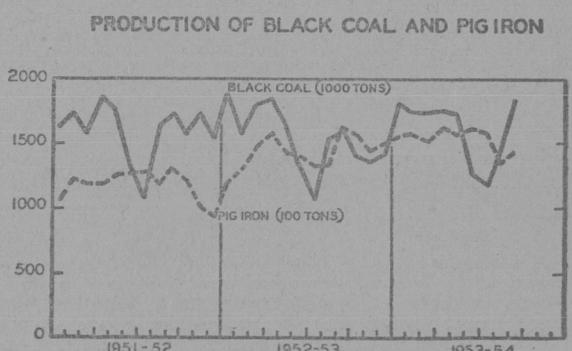
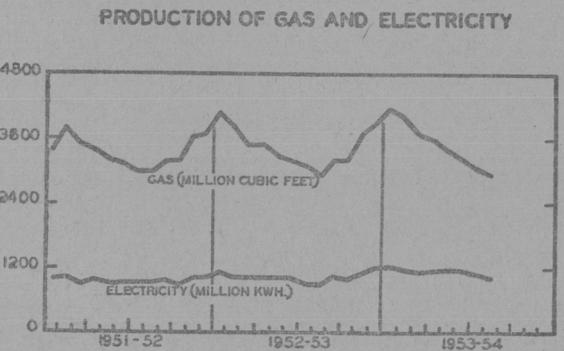
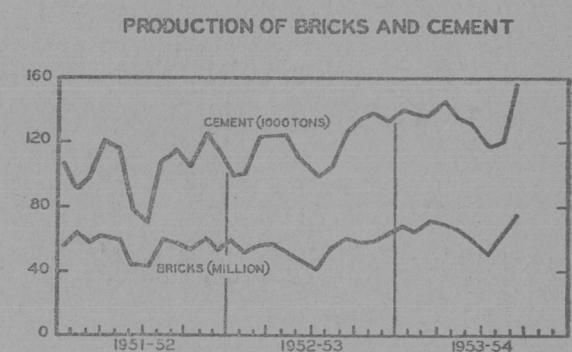
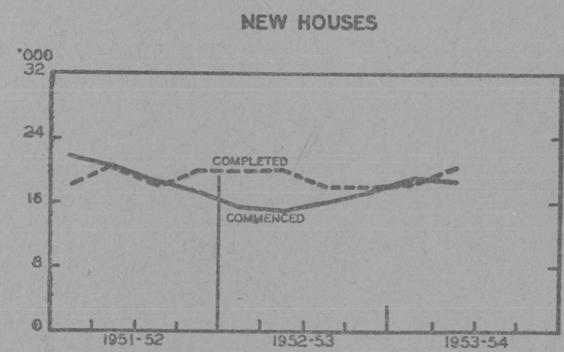
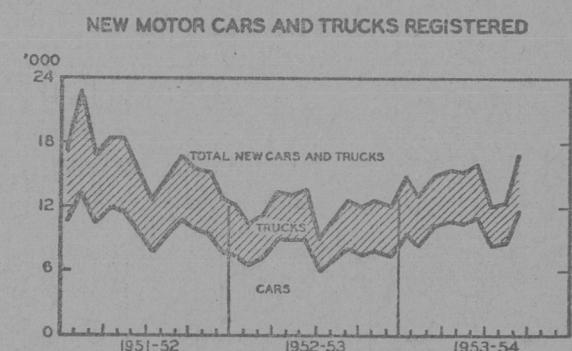
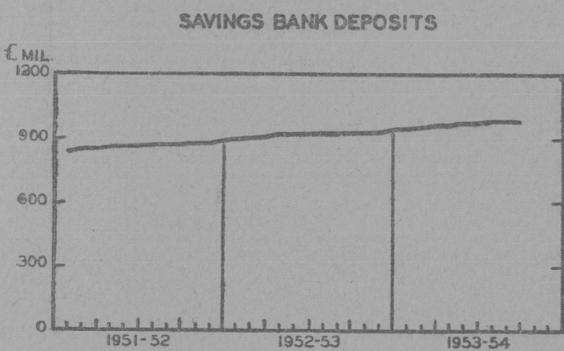
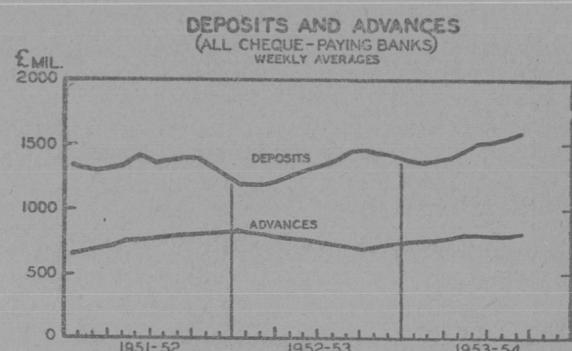
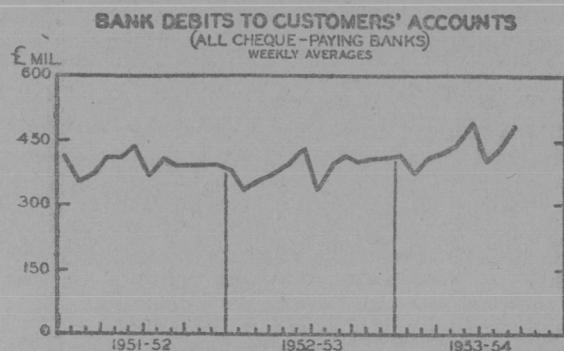
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COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE. (a)
(£ million.)

Period.		New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.
REVENUE.										
1936-37	..	49.2	27.2	16.5	11.7	10.2	3.5	118.3	82.8	191.1
1937-38	..	53.6	27.6	17.3	12.5	10.8	3.6	125.4	89.5	204.8
1938-39	..	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.6
1947-48	..	86.1	41.7	26.8	18.9	17.7	4.8	196.0	465.9	601.3
1948-49	..	96.1	46.8	33.0	21.8	20.6	5.7	224.0	554.4	706.6
1949-50	..	106.5	55.6	37.1	26.3	26.0	7.1	258.6	580.7	746.6
1950-51	..	128.3	63.5	44.7	31.1	29.0	7.8	304.4	841.8	1,032.0
1951-52	..	167.1	81.7	55.7	37.5	34.0	10.5	386.5	1,016.8	1,260.1
1952-53	..	180.9	97.0	63.2	44.2	38.7	12.1	436.1	1,040.1	1,310.7
1953-54 (Estimate)	..	182.6	104.8	67.5	47.4	43.4	13.3	459.0	986.8	1,275.3
1952-53—July to—										
November	..	68.1	31.8	24.3	16.0	13.7	4.1	158.0	347.2	447.5
December	..	84.5	39.4	29.6	19.7	16.7	5.3	195.2	412.6	539.0
January	..	99.0	46.1	33.9	23.2	20.1	6.1	228.4	479.2	627.2
February	..	113.4	52.8	38.1	26.8	23.1	6.9	261.1	582.3	751.5
March	..	127.2	60.4	43.4	30.4	26.5	8.0	295.9	663.7	856.2
April	..	144.5	69.8	49.8	34.6	30.3	9.1	338.1	777.6	991.5
1953-54—July to—										
November	..	69.8	35.0	27.0	17.4	16.3	4.3	169.8	336.1	446.3
December	..	85.4	43.4	33.0	21.3	19.8	5.6	208.5	406.8	544.1
January	..	98.5	50.8	38.1	25.1	23.0	6.5	242.0	472.4	631.4
February	..	112.8	58.2	42.3	28.8	26.1	7.3	275.5	535.8	716.6
March	..	127.8	67.3	47.6	32.9	29.9	8.6	314.1	638.6	846.1
April	..	145.2	77.1	54.8	37.3	34.1	9.9	358.4	765.2	995.8
EXPENDITURE.										
1936-37	..	49.2	27.2	16.8	11.6	10.6	3.4	118.8	81.5	190.3
1937-38	..	53.5	27.6	17.6	12.4	10.8	3.6	125.5	86.0	201.4
1938-39	..	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	94.4	212.8
1947-48	..	86.2	42.3	26.9	19.1	18.1	5.1	197.7	464.5	601.6
1948-49	..	95.9	48.2	32.9	22.1	21.4	5.9	226.4	554.4	709.0
1949-50	..	107.7	55.8	37.1	26.6	26.0	7.3	260.5	580.7	748.4
1950-51	..	128.3	63.9	44.6	30.8	28.8	8.1	304.5	841.8	1,032.0
1951-52	..	167.0	84.1	55.7	37.5	34.5	10.9	389.7	1,016.8	1,263.3
1952-53	..	180.8	97.4	63.0	44.2	39.2	11.8	436.4	1,026.7	1,297.6
1953-54 (Estimate)	..	183.6	104.8	67.5	47.3	43.6	13.6	460.4	986.5	1,276.5
1952-53—July to—										
November	..	72.9	37.9	25.7	17.2	15.1	4.8	173.6	379.1	495.0
December	..	88.6	47.6	31.4	21.1	18.8	5.9	213.4	454.2	598.7
January	..	102.2	54.3	35.3	24.3	21.8	6.4	244.3	526.3	690.2
February	..	115.6	61.6	40.0	28.2	25.0	7.4	277.8	636.9	822.6
March	..	129.7	70.0	45.6	31.7	28.4	8.5	313.9	724.8	935.3
April	..	145.7	77.6	50.8	35.5	31.9	9.6	351.1	823.3	1,050.3
1953-54—July to—										
November	..	71.4	39.6	27.1	18.1	17.9	5.3	179.4	365.6	485.4
December	..	88.0	49.3	33.2	22.2	21.7	6.2	220.6	435.2	584.7
January	..	100.5	56.4	37.7	25.5	25.0	7.1	252.2	504.3	673.6
February	..	115.3	63.9	43.1	29.2	28.3	8.0	287.8	570.5	763.6
March	..	131.0	73.3	49.4	33.5	31.9	9.5	328.6	656.9	879.0
April	..	147.6	82.5	54.9	37.5	35.6	10.6	368.7	753.8	994.7

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c. from undertakings outside the Budget. To obtain comparability between States, Commonwealth Hospital Benefits have been excluded from annual figures.

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